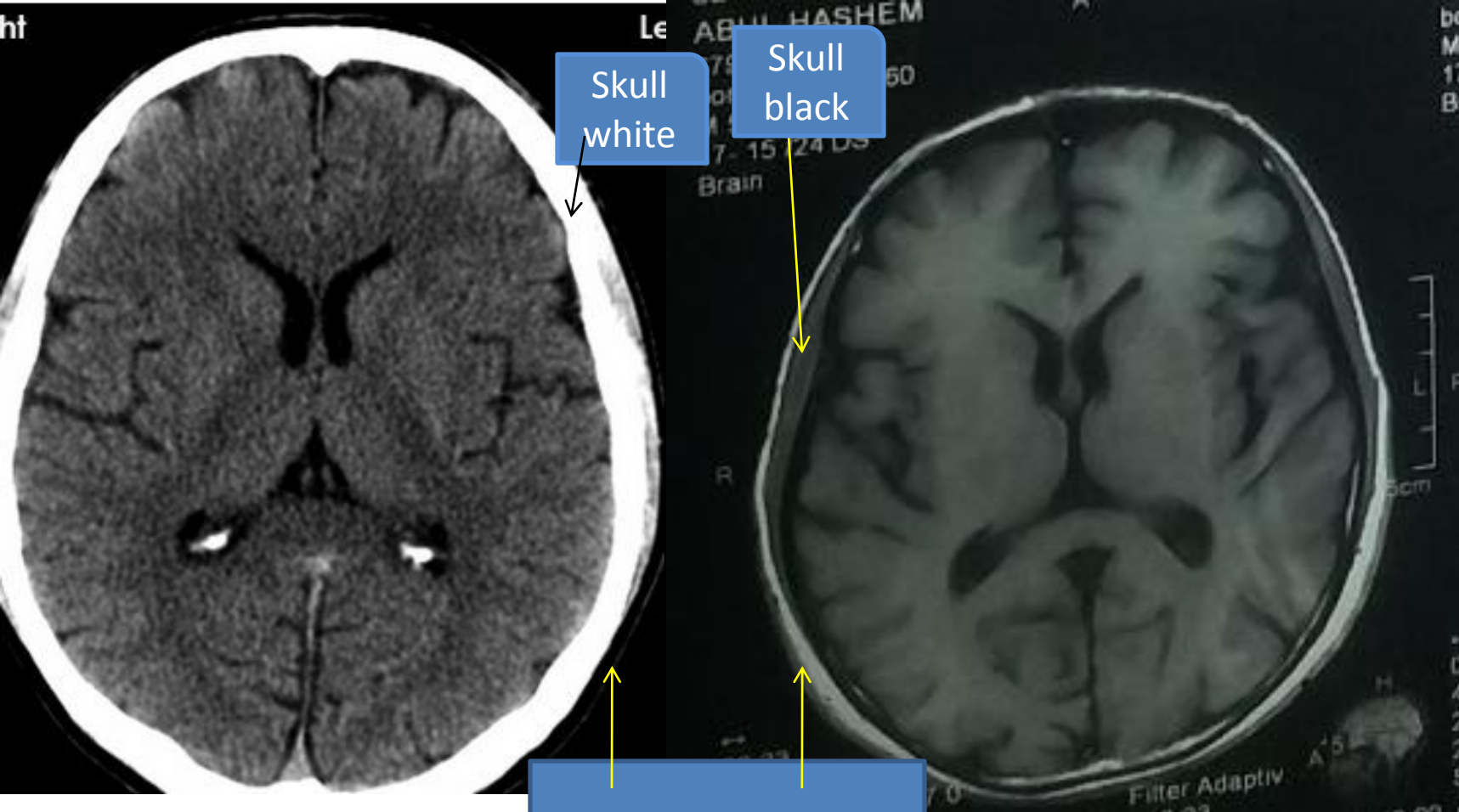


MRI OF BRAIN



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CT

In CT you will white rounded ring of skull bone

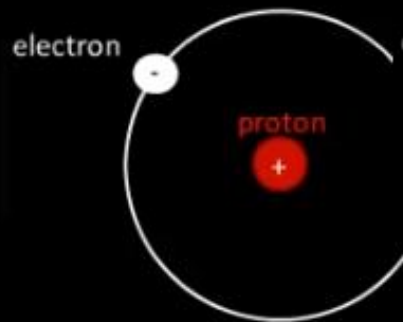
MRI T1

In MRI-T 1 white rounded ring of skull bone will not visible
The thin rounded white ring you see it is subcutaneous fat

- ❖ Hydrogen is the simplest element with atomic number of 1 and atomic weight of 1
- ❖ When in ionic state (H^+), it is nothing but a proton.
- ❖ Proton is not only positively charged, but also has magnetic spin (wobble)
- ❖ We are magnets but we can't act like magnets?
- ❖ Because The protons (i.e. Hydrogen ions) in body are spinning in a haphazard fashion, and cancel all the magnetism. That is our natural state
- ❖ MRI utilizes this magnetic spin property of protons of hydrogen to elicit images

HYDROGEN ATOM

- Body is composed of 70% H_2O
- MRI relies on the magnetic properties of a hydrogen atom to produce images



Hydrogen
Atom

- H nucleus is composed of a single proton
- Spinning charged particle
- Produces a magnetic field = magnetic moment



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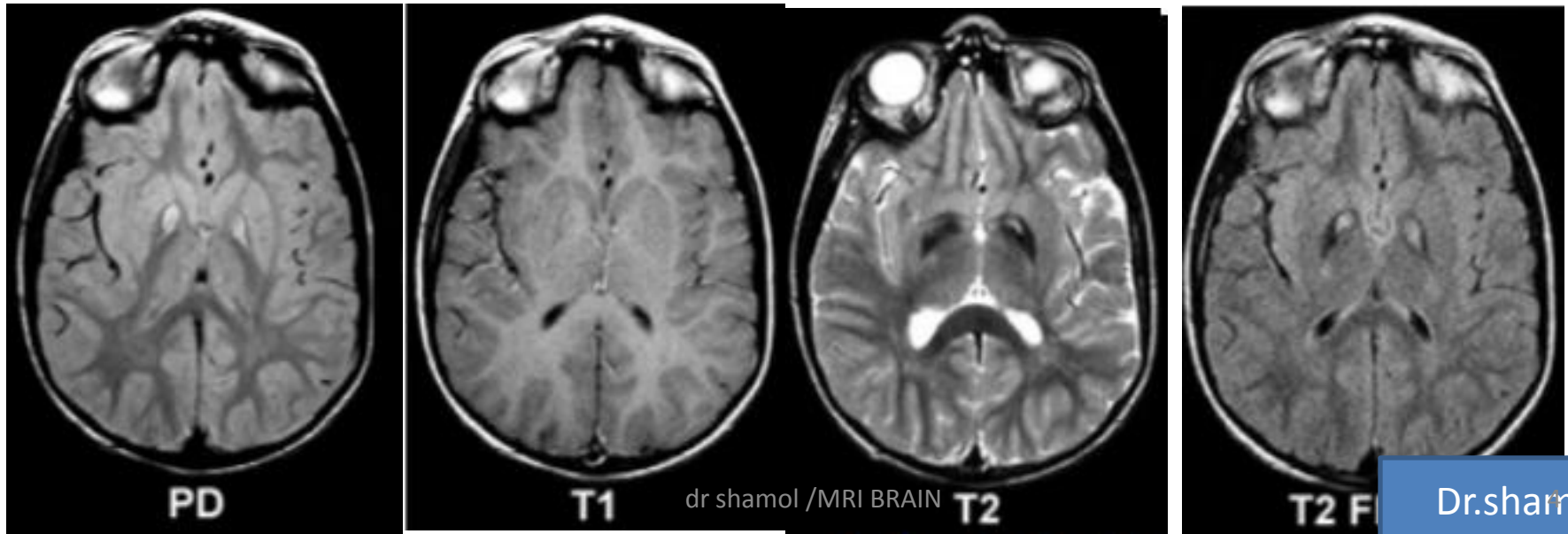
MRI creates images by picking up different signal intensities from different tissues depending on the hydrogen, or more specifically, proton content of that tissue.

PD weighted: On normal MRIs (proton density or PD weighted), the greater the hydrogen content, the brighter the image.

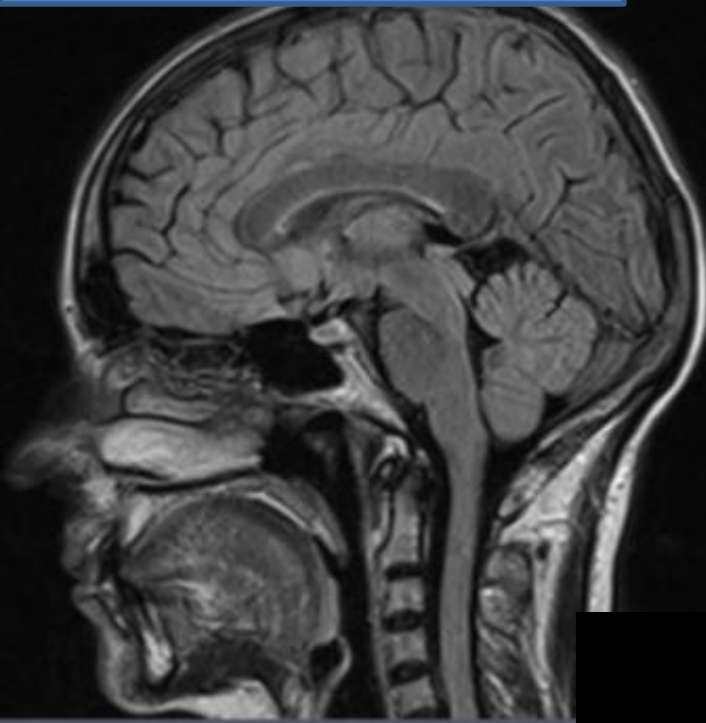
But radiologists and radiographers can programme the MRI machine to only pick up a certain direction of proton movement.

T1: T1 is when they programme the machine to only look at the longitudinal movement of protons. T1 images are usually used to look at normal anatomical details.

T2 : T2 is when they programme the machine to only look at the transverse movement of protons and is usually used to look at pathology because most tissues involved in disease tend to have a higher water content than normal.

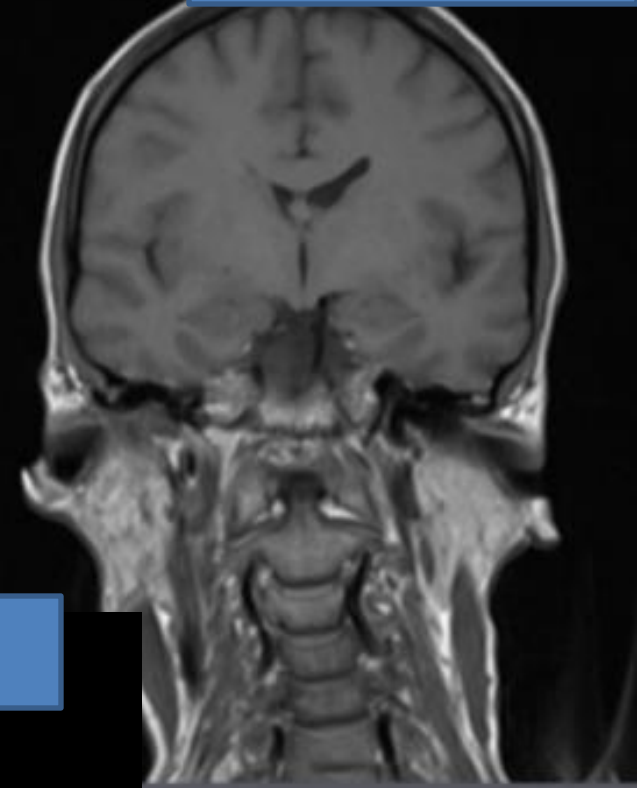


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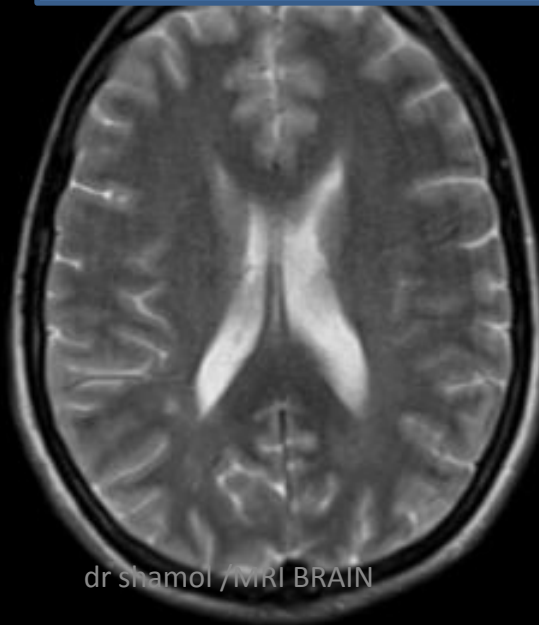


In MRI
Image is taken
in three
Plane

CORONAL



AXIAL



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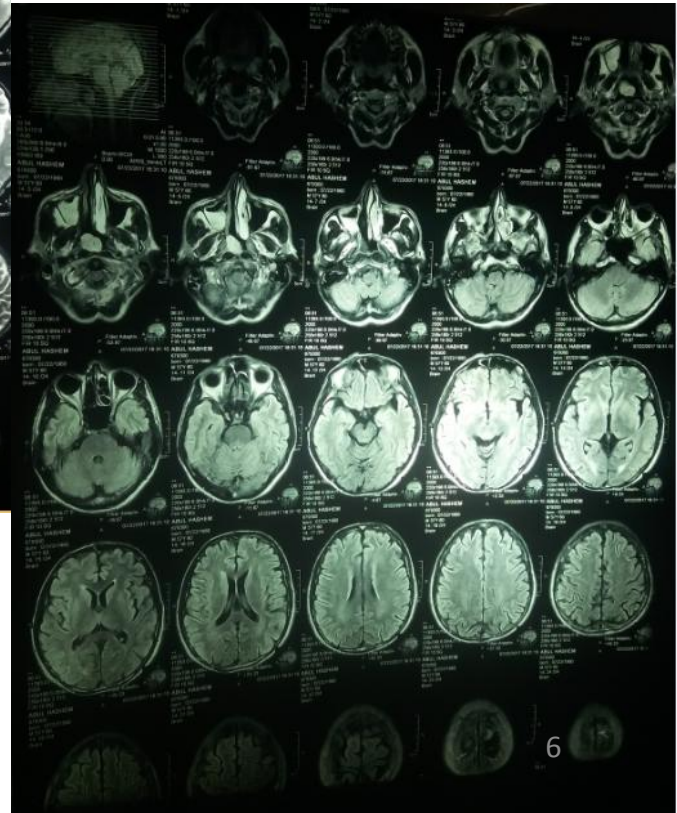
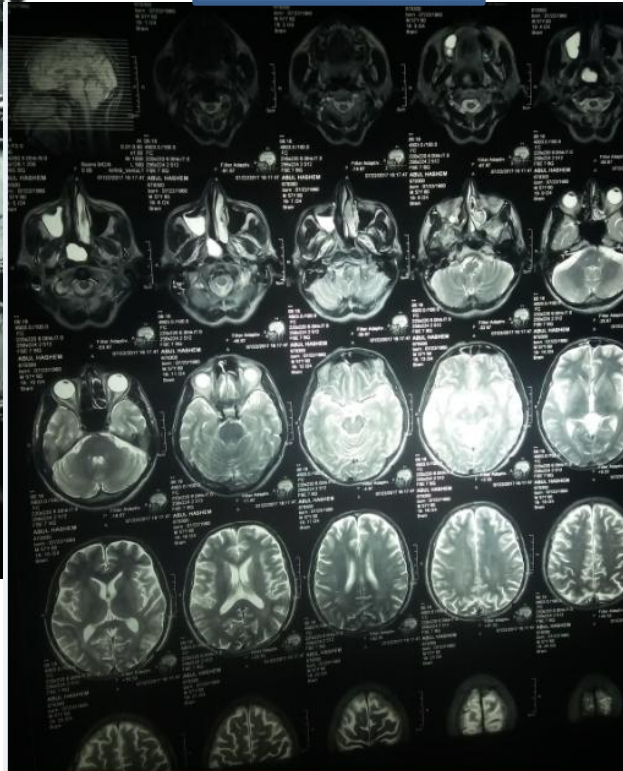
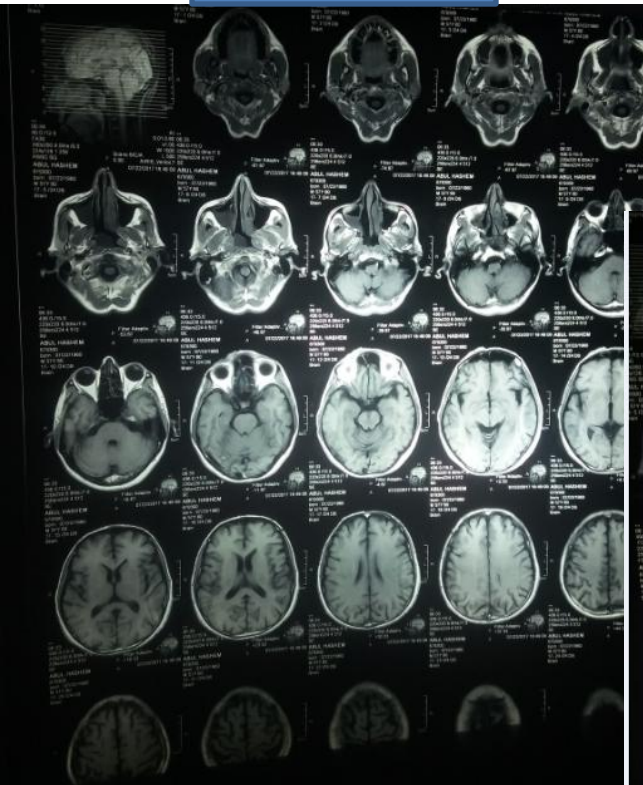
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T1

AXIAL

T2

FLAIR



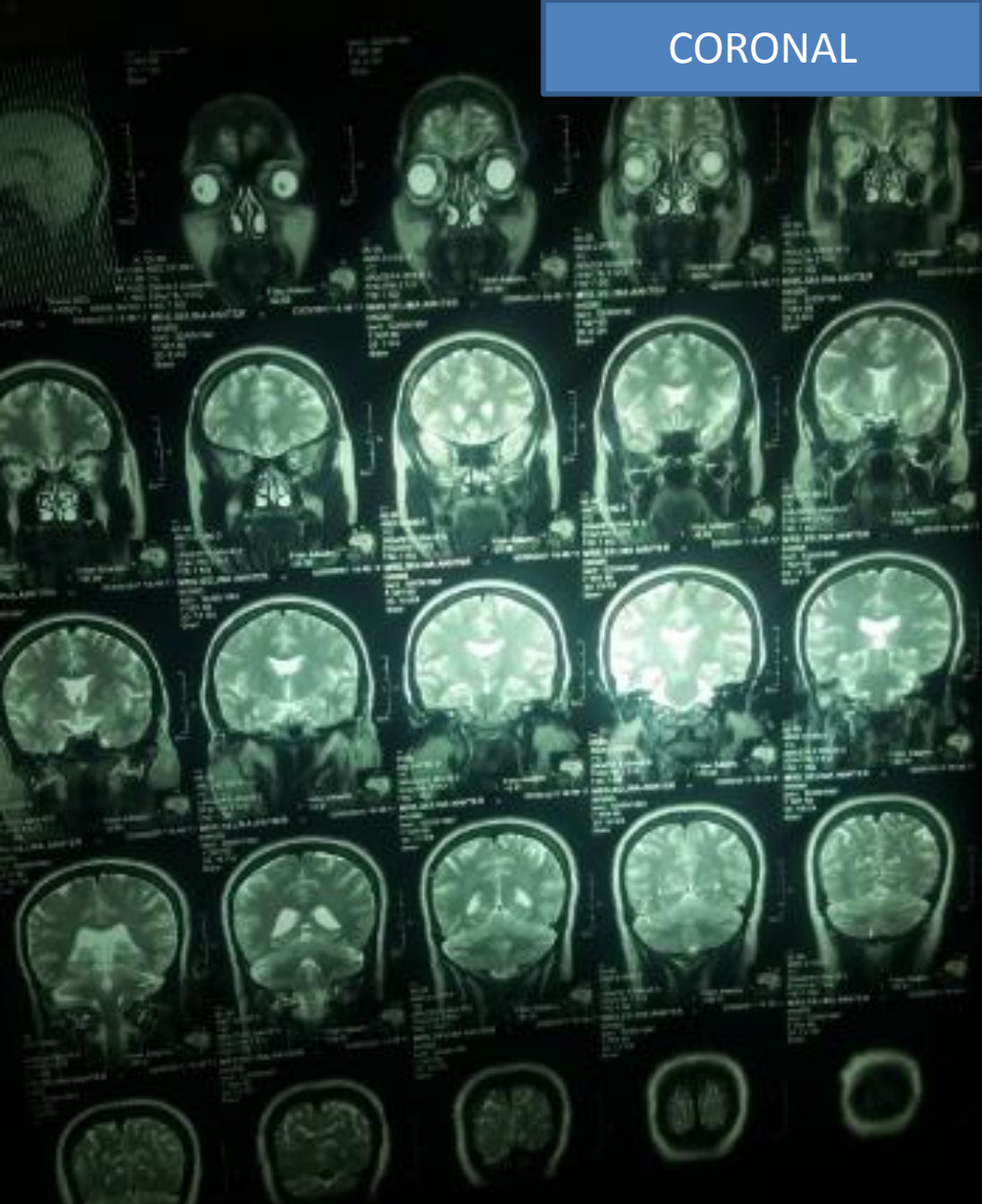
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SAGITAL



CORONAL



Intensity

When describing most MRI sequences we refer to the shade of grey of tissues or fluid with the word *intensity*, leading to the following absolute terms:

signal intensity	Color
high	white
intermediate	grey
low	black

hyperintense	brighter than the thing we are comparing it to	White
isointense	same brightness as the thing we are comparing it to	Gray
hypointense	darker than the thing we are comparing it to	Black

What are sequence of MRI Film :

T1 weighted sequences

T2 weighted sequences

inversion recovery sequences

- ❖ **fluid attenuation inversion recovery (FLAIR)**

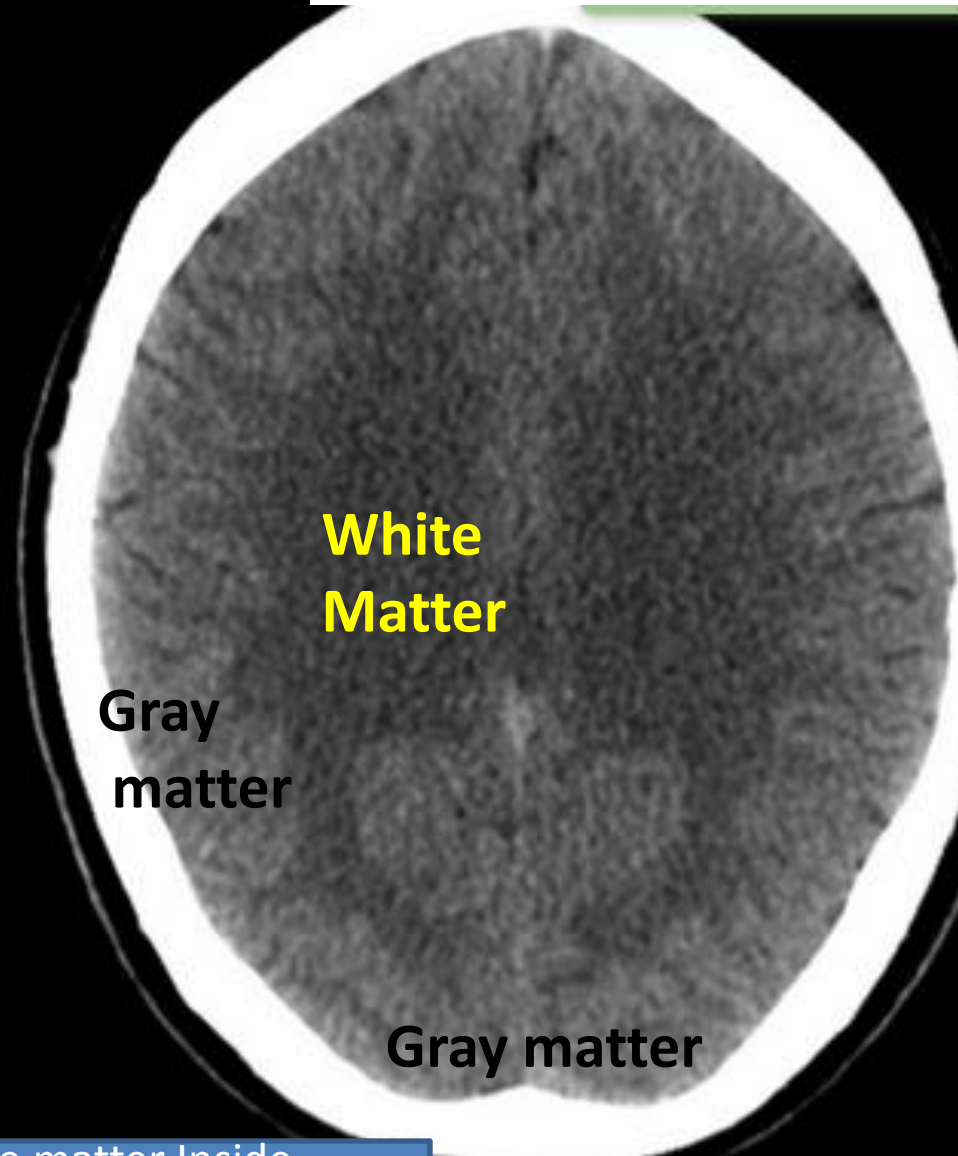
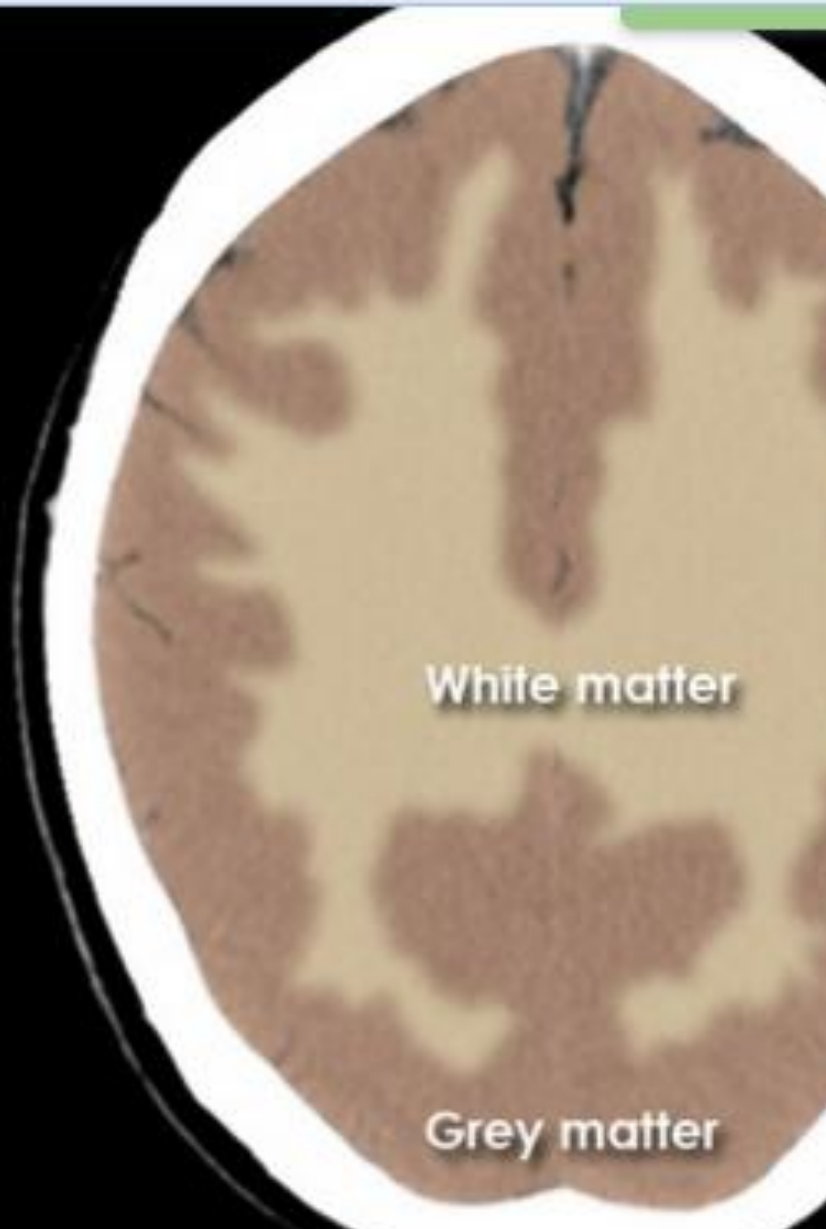
- ❖ **short tau inversion recovery (STIR)**

PD weighted sequences

Diffusion weighted sequences

- ❖ **DWI**

- ❖ **ADC (Apparent diffusion coefficient maps)**



In brain gray matter is outside and white matter Inside
 In CT-white matter in black /dark and gray are less dark
 The color of gray and white matter different in T1 & T2 of MRI

T1 weighted sequences

T1 weighted sequences are part of almost all MRI protocols and are best thought of as the most 'anatomical' of images, resulting in images that most closely approximate the appearances of tissues macroscopically, although even this is a gross simplification.

The dominant signal intensities of different tissues are:

fluid (e.g. urine, CSF):	low signal intensity (black)
muscle:	intermediate signal intensity (grey)
fat:	high signal intensity (white)
❖brain	grey matter: intermediate signal intensity (grey)
	white matter: hyperintense compared to grey matter (white-ish)

Contrast enhanced

- The most commonly used contrast agents in MRI are [gadolinium](#) based
- these agents have the effect of causing T1 signal to be increased.
- The contrast is injected intravenously (typically 5-15 mL) and scans are obtained a few minutes after administration.
- Pathological tissues (tumours, areas of inflammation / infection) will demonstrate accumulation of contrast (mostly due to leaky blood vessels) and therefore appear as brighter than surrounding tissue.

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Recognition

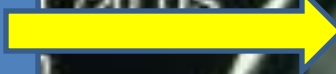
USEFUL FOR

- Anatomic detail
- Vascular changes +C
- Disruption of BBB +C

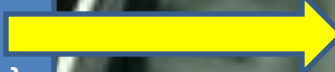
Subcutaneous Fat is bright



Gray mater
(slightly dark)



White matter slightly
bright
(highly myelinated area)



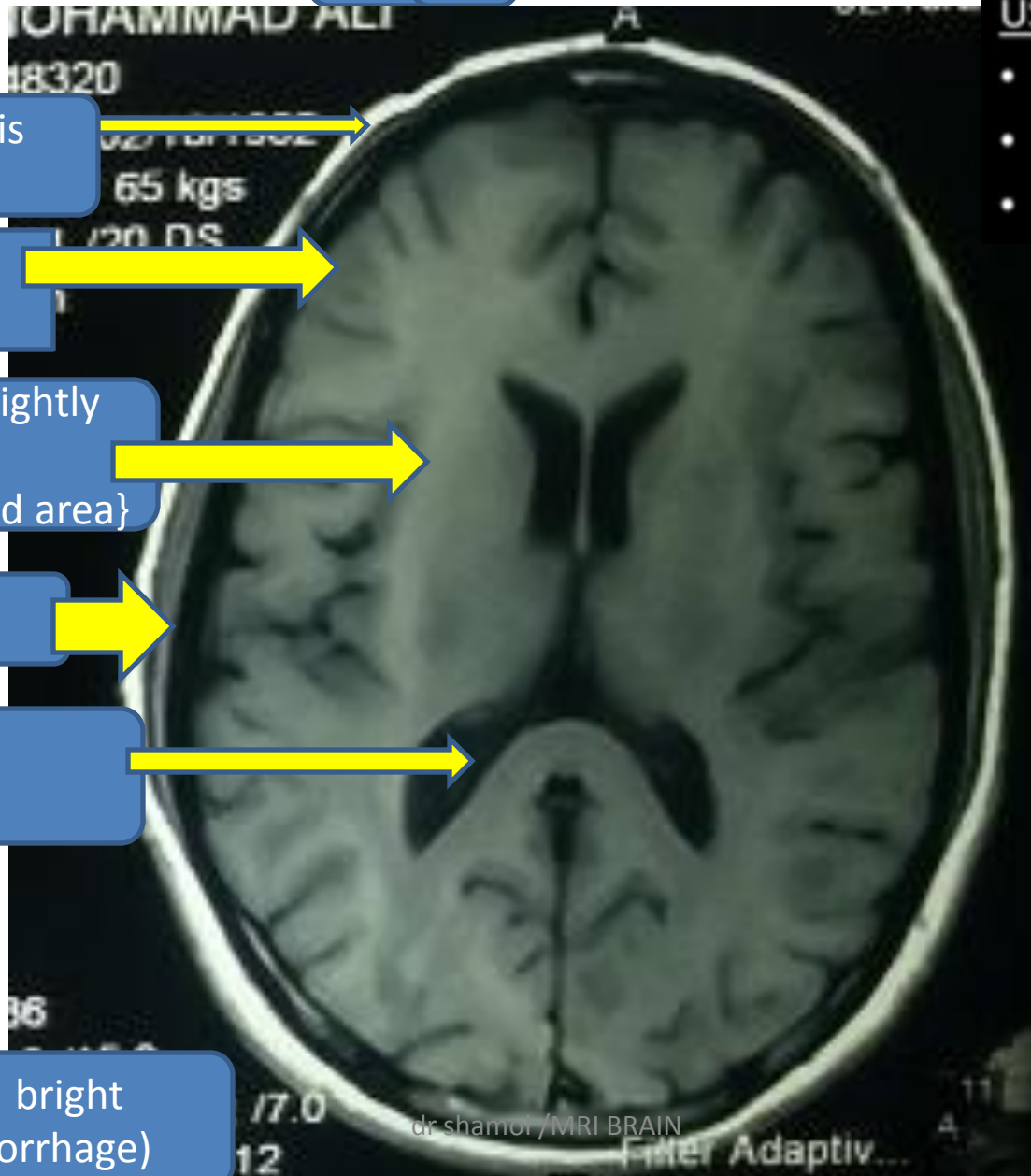
Bone is dark



Water dark



New blood is bright
(blood in hemorrhage)



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T2 weighted sequences

T2 weighted sequences are part of almost all MRI protocols. Without modification the dominant signal intensities of different tissues are:

The dominant signal intensities of different tissues are:	
fluid (e.g. urine, CSF):	high signal intensity (white)
muscle:	intermediate signal intensity (grey)
fat:	high signal intensity (white)
❖ brain	grey matter: intermediate signal intensity (grey)
	white matter: hypointense compared to grey matter (dark-ish)

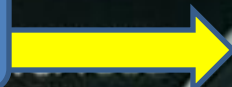
Recognition

T 2

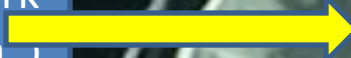
USEFUL FOR

- Anatomic detail (CSF Spaces)
- Most lesions
- Cannot distinguish lesions from CSF

Subcutaneous Fat is bright



White matter /Fat is dark
(highly myelinated area)



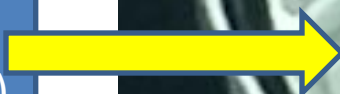
Water bright



Bone is dark



Gray matter
(slightly dark)



Flow is dark
(blood in vessel)



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Filter Adaptiv...

Fluid attenuated inversion recovery / FLAIR

- ❖ in the brain, we often want to detect parenchymal oedema without the glaring high signal from CSF.
- ❖ To do this we suppress CSF. This sequence is called FLAIR.
- ❖ Importantly, at first glance FLAIR images appear similar to T1 (CSF is dark).
- ❖ The best way to tell the two apart is to look at the grey-white matter.
- ❖ T1 sequences will have grey matter being darker than white matter.
- ❖ T2 weighted sequences, whether fluid attenuated or not, will have white matter being darker than grey matter.

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FLAIR

Recognition

Gray mater
(slightly white)

White matter / Fat is dark
(highly myelinated area)

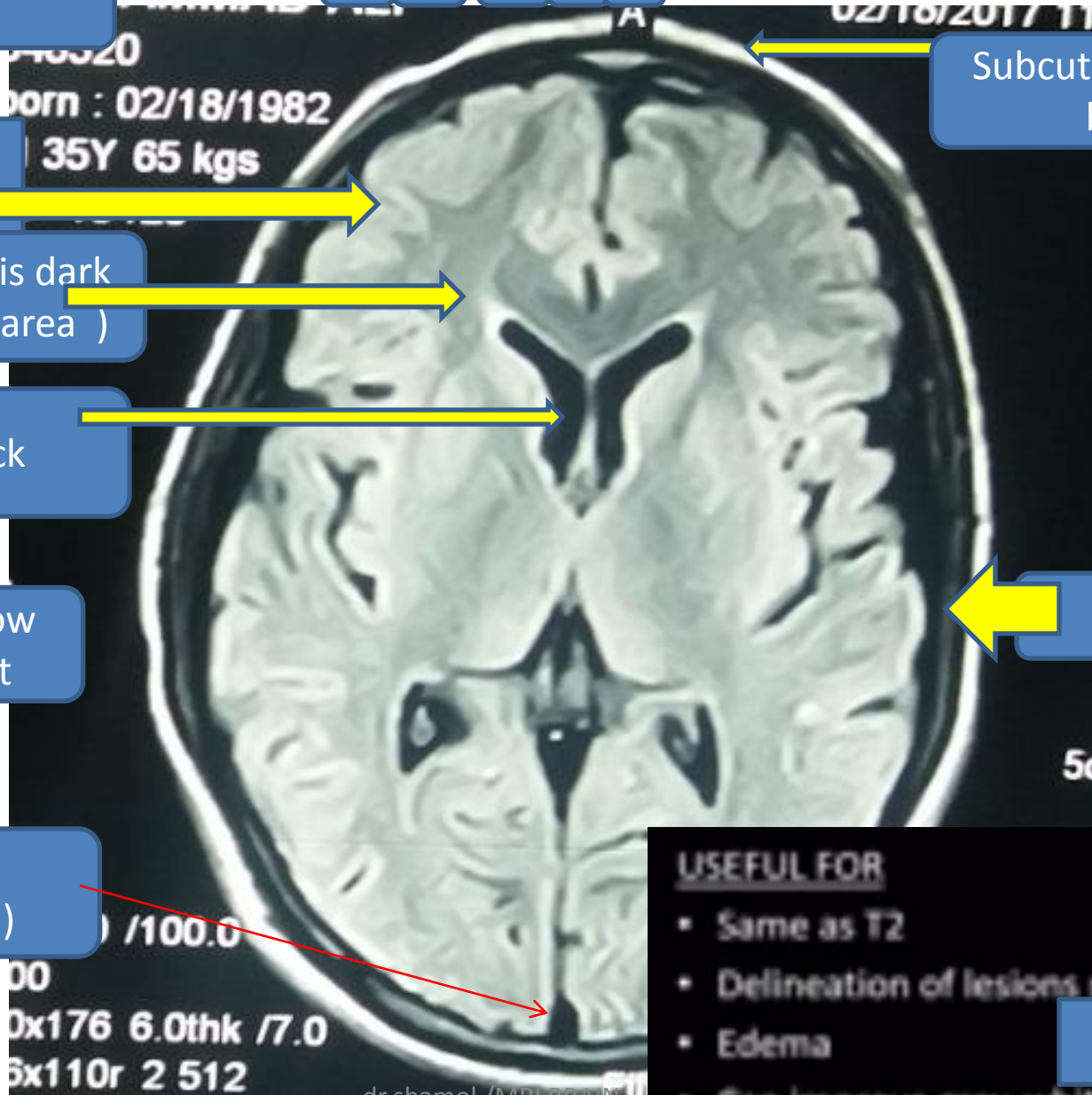
CSF/Water black

Edema / non flow
water is bright

Flow is dark
(blood in vessel)

Subcutaneous Fat is
bright

Bone is dark



USEFUL FOR

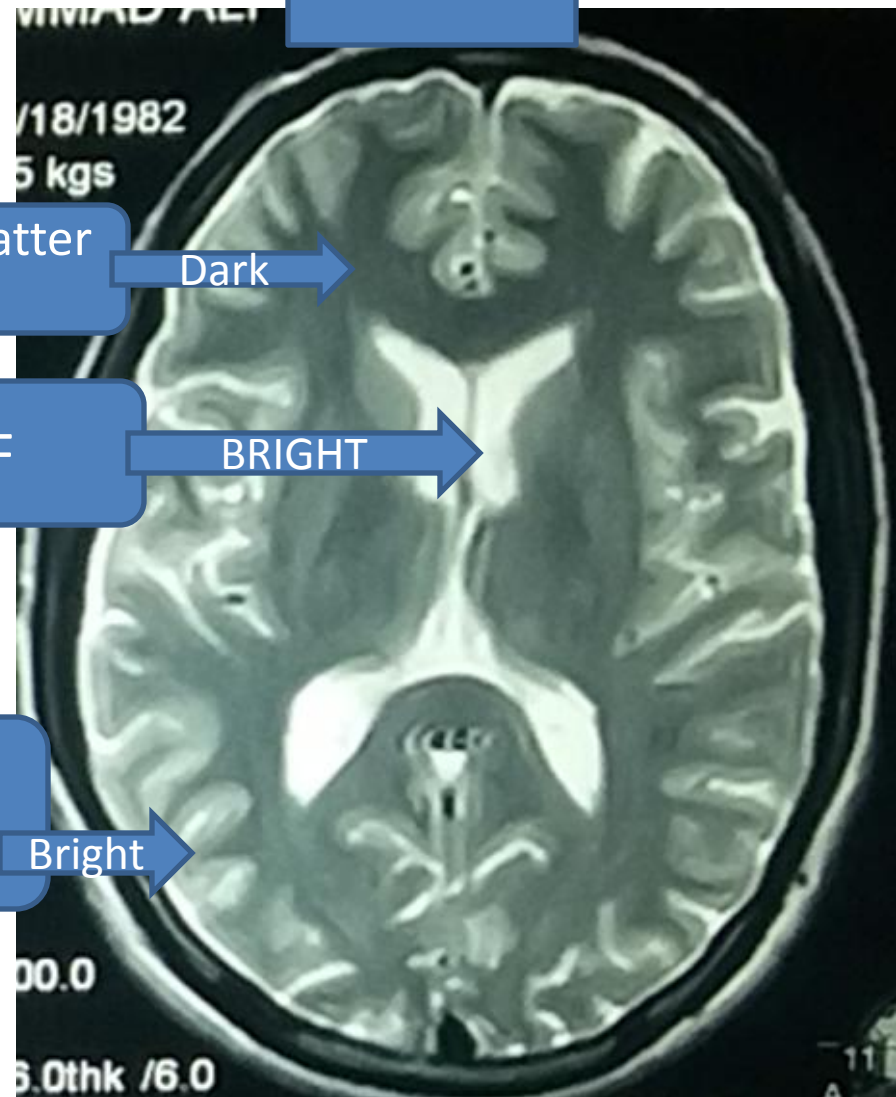
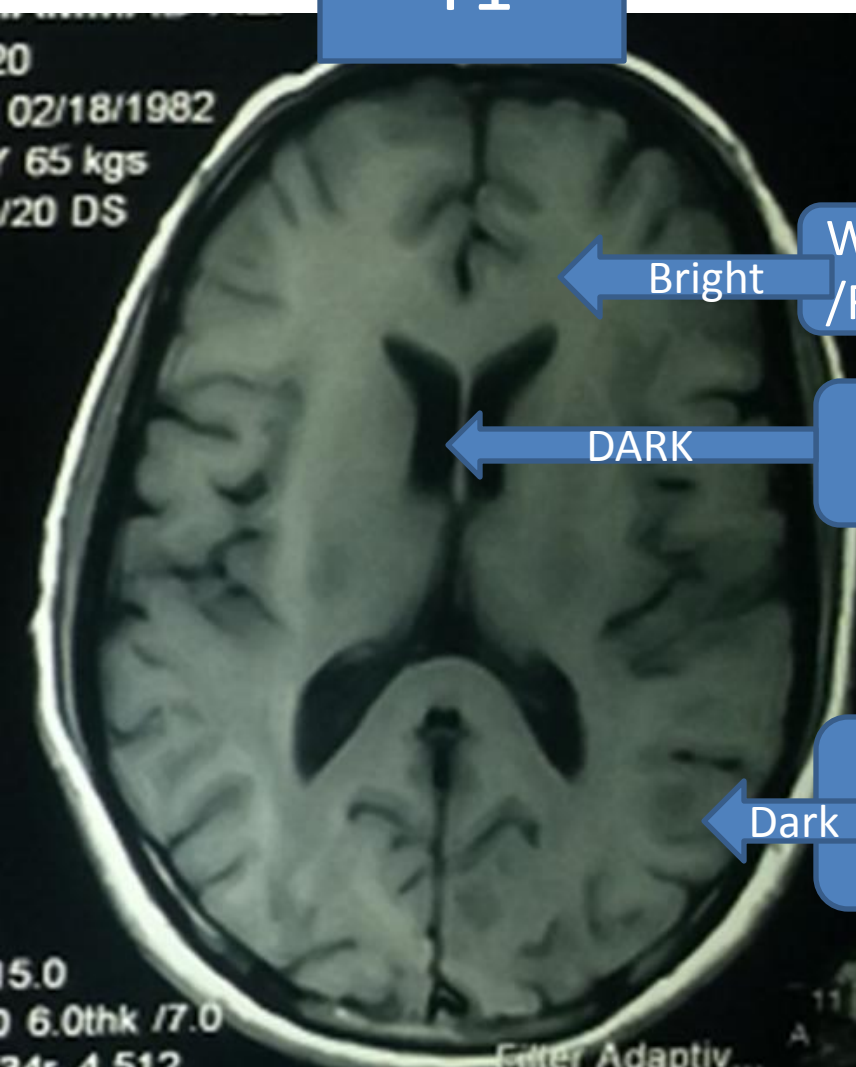
- Same as T2
- Delineation of lesions near ventricles
- Edema
- Can improve grey-white differentiation

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Basic changes in T1,T2 & flair

T1

T2



White matter
/Fat

Bright

Dark

CSF

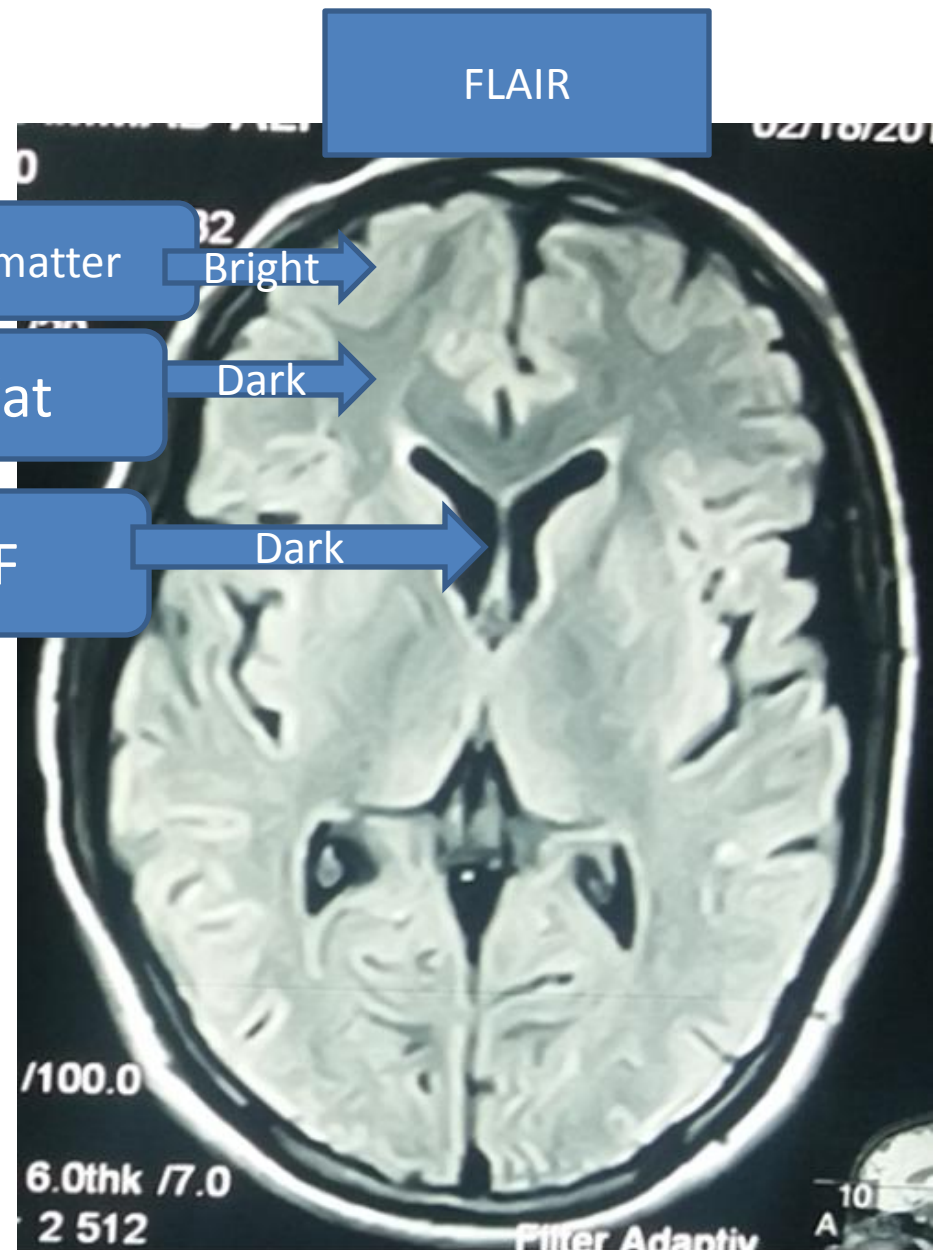
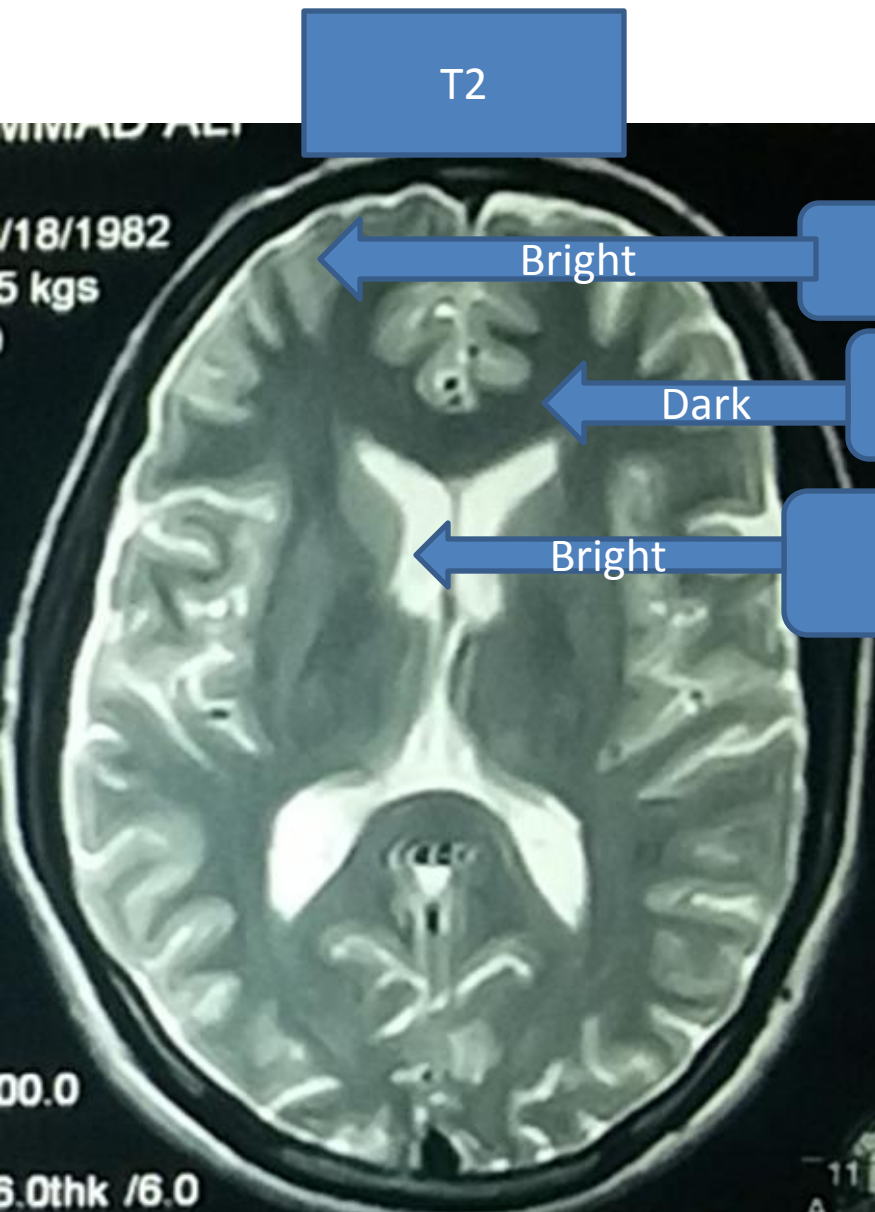
DARK

BRIGHT

Gray
matter

Dark

Bright



PD weighted sequences

- ❖ It reflects the actual density of protons; an intermediate sequence sharing some features of both T1 and T2.
- ❖ Proton density images were extensively used for brain imaging, however they have largely been replaced by FLAIR.
- ❖ PD however continues to offer excellent signal distinction between fluid, hyaline cartilage and fibrocartilage, making this sequence ideal in the assessment of joints.

The dominant signal intensities of different tissues are:

fluid (e.g. joint fluid, CSF):	high signal intensity (white)
muscle:	intermediate signal intensity (grey)
fat:	high signal intensity (white)
hyaline cartilage:	intermediate signal intensity (grey)
fibrocartilage:	low signal intensity (black)

Diffusion weighted sequences

Diffusion weighted imaging assess the ease with which water molecules move around within a tissue (mostly representing fluid within the extracellular space) and give insights into

- ❑ cellularity (e.g. tumours),
- ❑ cell swelling (e.g. ischaemia) and
- ❑ oedema.

The dominant signal intensities of different tissues are:

- ❖ fluid (e.g. urine, CSF): no restriction to diffusion
- ❖ soft tissues (muscle, solid organs, brain): intermediate diffusion
- ❖ fat: little signal due to paucity of water

Typically you will find three sets of images when diffusion weighted imaging is performed:

- ✓ DWI (Diffusion weighted image)
- ✓ ADC (Apparent diffusion coefficient maps) and
- ✓ B=0 images.

DWI is designed to detect the random movements of water protons. Water molecules diffuse relatively freely in the extracellular space; their movement is significantly restricted in the intracellular space. Spontaneous movements, referred to as diffusion, rapidly become restricted in ischemic brain tissue. During ischemia, the sodium - potassium pump shuts down and sodium accumulates intracellularly. Water then shifts from the extracellular to the intracellular space due to the osmotic gradient. As water movement becomes restricted intracellularly, this results in an extremely bright signal on DWI. Thus, DWI is an extremely sensitive method for detecting acute stroke.

DWI“

Is an isotropic T2 weighted map as it represents the combination of actual diffusion values and T2 signal.

It is a relatively low resolution image with the following appearance:

grey matter:	intermediate signal intensity (grey)
white matter:	slightly hypointense compared to grey matter
CSF:	low signal (black)
fat:	little signal due to paucity of water
other soft tissues	intermediate signal intensity (grey)

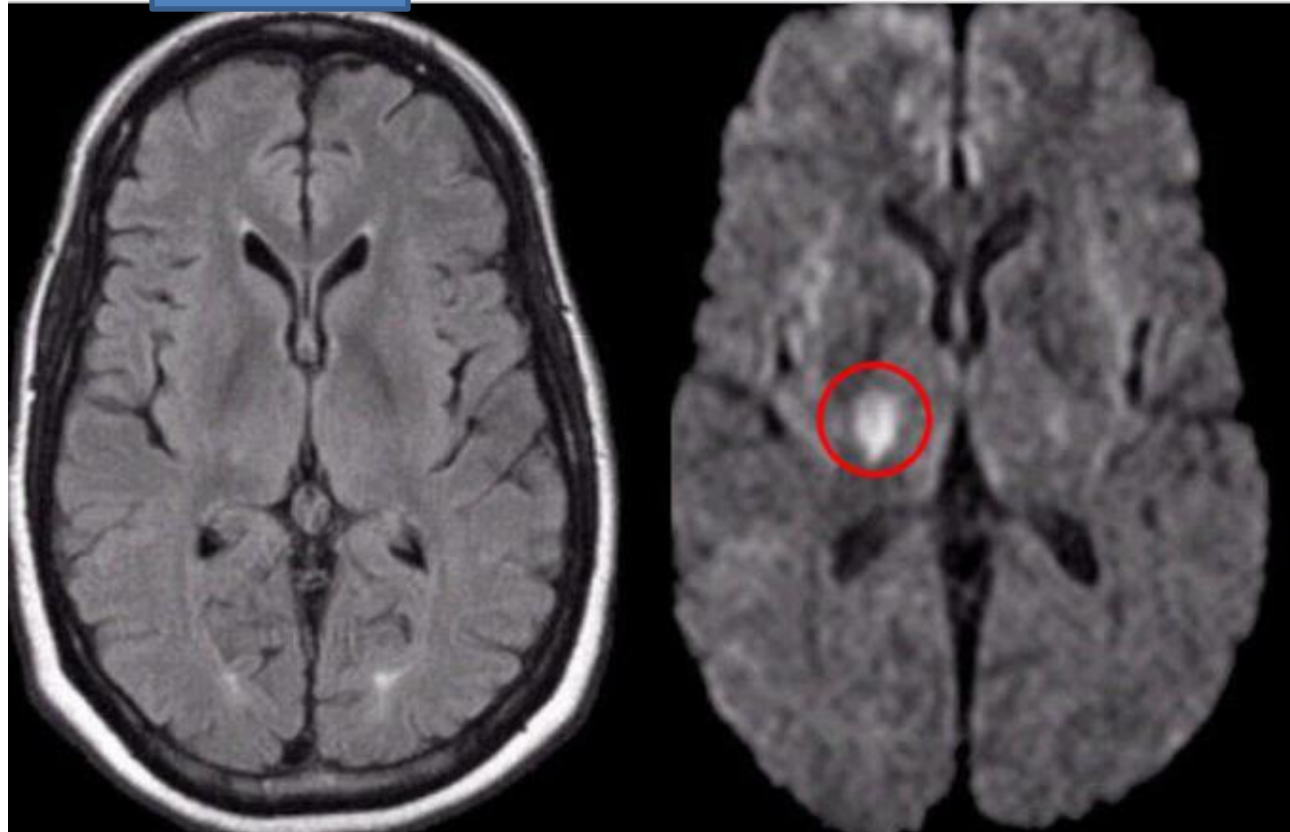
**Acute pathology
(ischaemic stroke, cellular tumour, pus)**

**usually appears as increased signal
(white)denoting restricted diffusion.**

However (and importantly) because there is a component of the image derived from T2 signal some tissues that are bright on T2 will appear bright on DWI images without there being an abnormal restricted diffusion. This phenomenon is known as [T2 shine through](#).

FLAIR

DWI



ADC

Apparent diffusion coefficient maps (ADC) are images representing the actual diffusion values of the tissue without T2 effects.

They are therefore much more useful, and objective measures of diffusion values can be obtained, however they are much less pretty to look at.

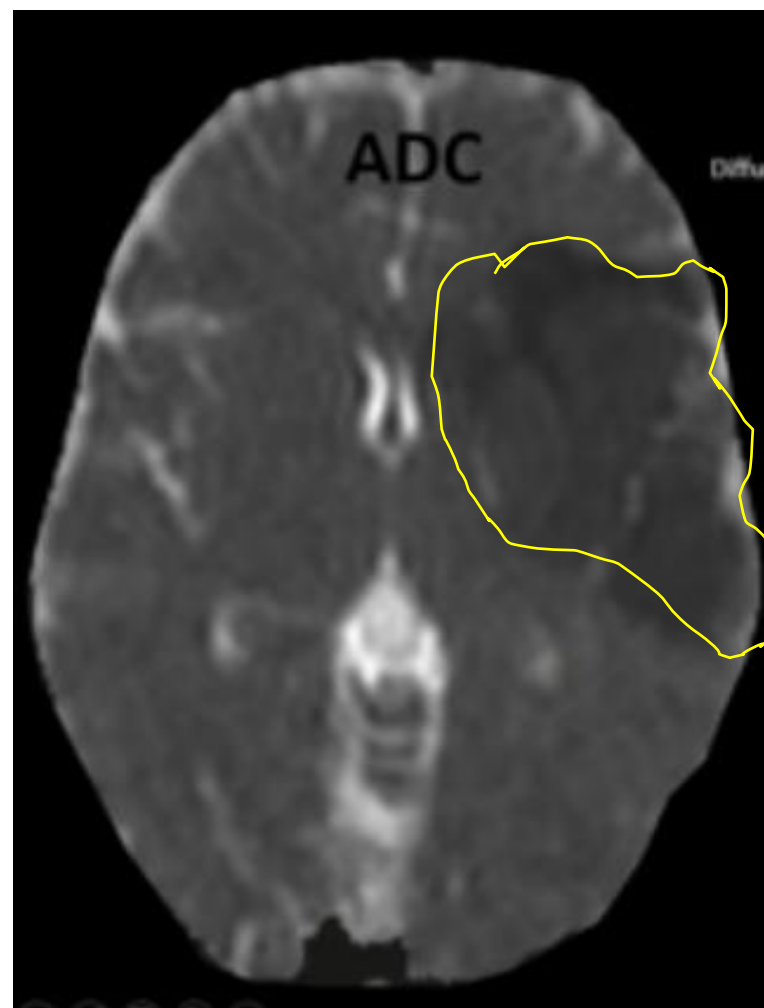
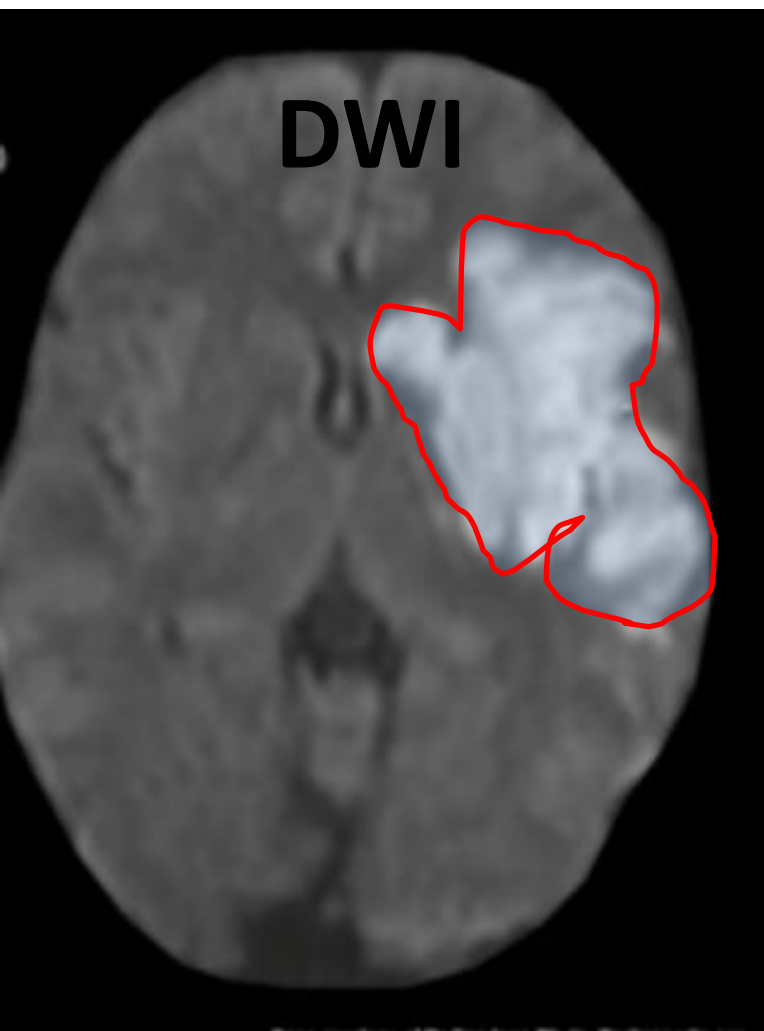
They appear basically as grayscale inverted DWI images.

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white matter:	slightly hyperintense compared to grey matter
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fat:	little signal due to paucity of water
other soft tissues	intermediate signal intensity (grey)

Acute pathology (ischaemic stroke, cellular tumour, pus)

usually appears as decreased signal (hypointense or black)denoting restricted diffusion.



T1

T2

DWI

ADC

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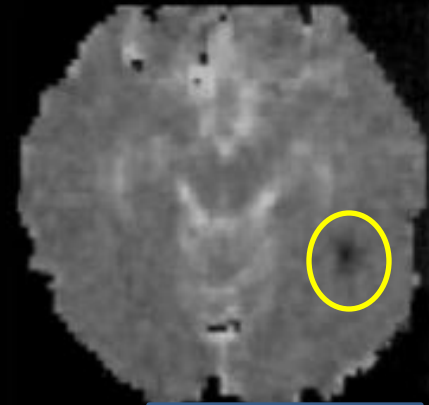
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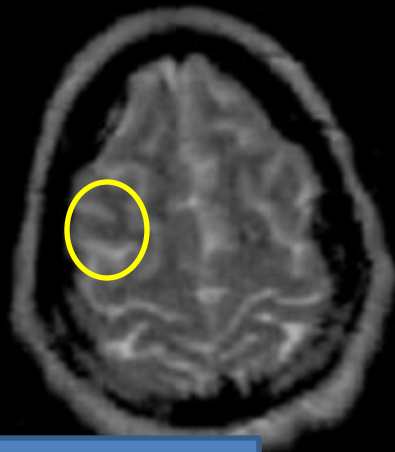
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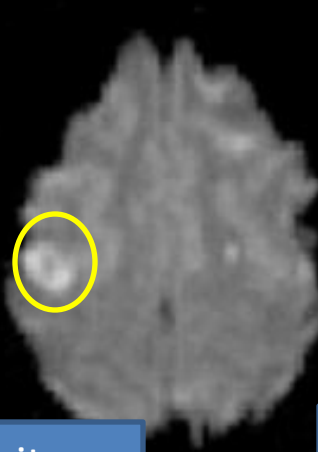
White



Black



No change



White



Black

T2

DWI

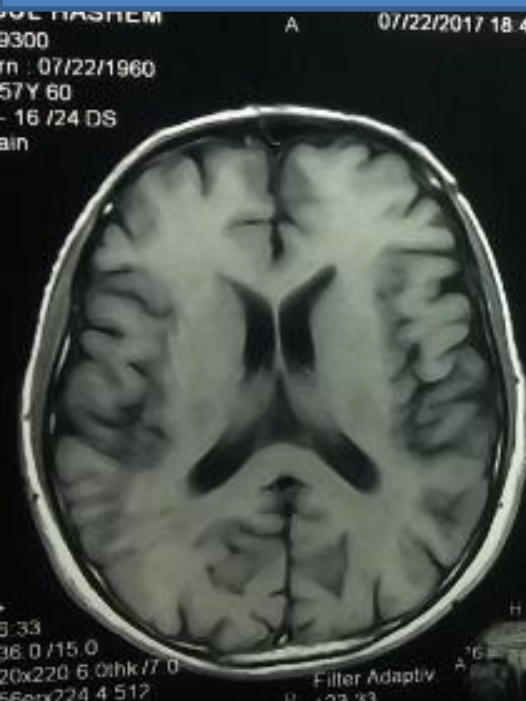
ADC

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AT GLANCE T1,T2, FLAIR

CSF— BLACK



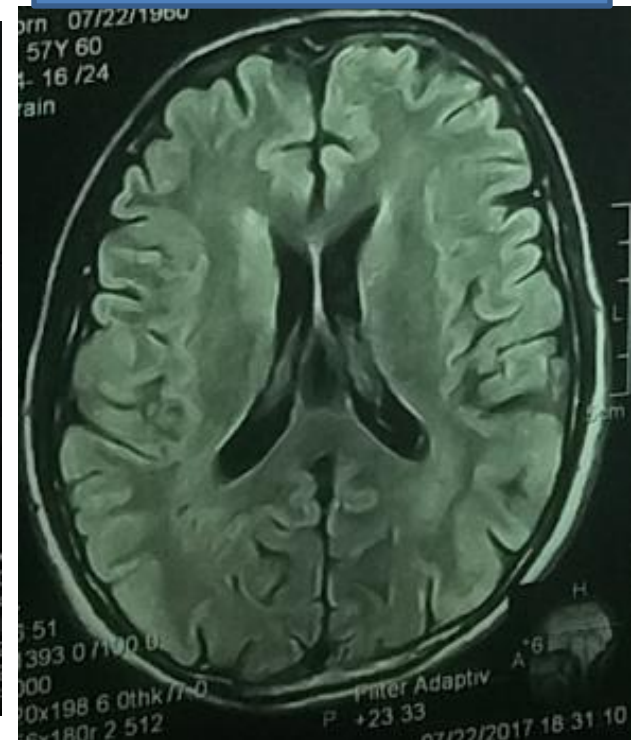
T1

CSF —WHITE

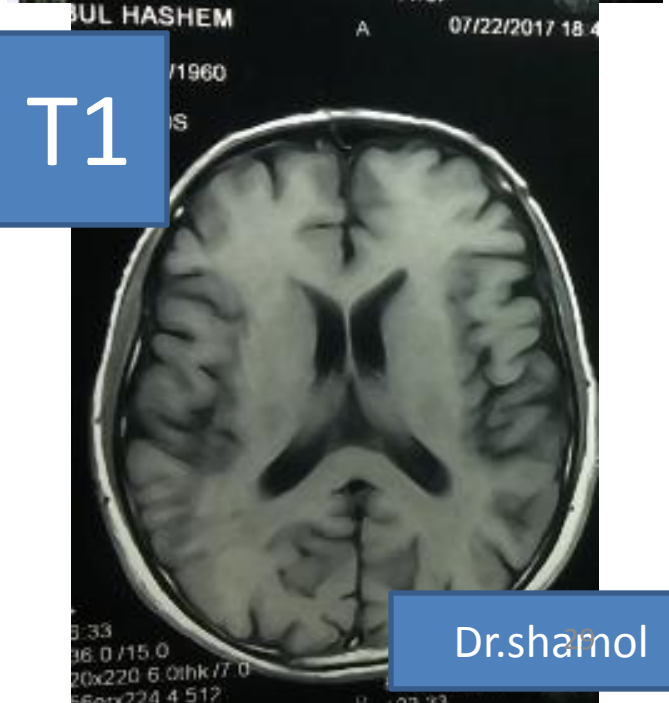


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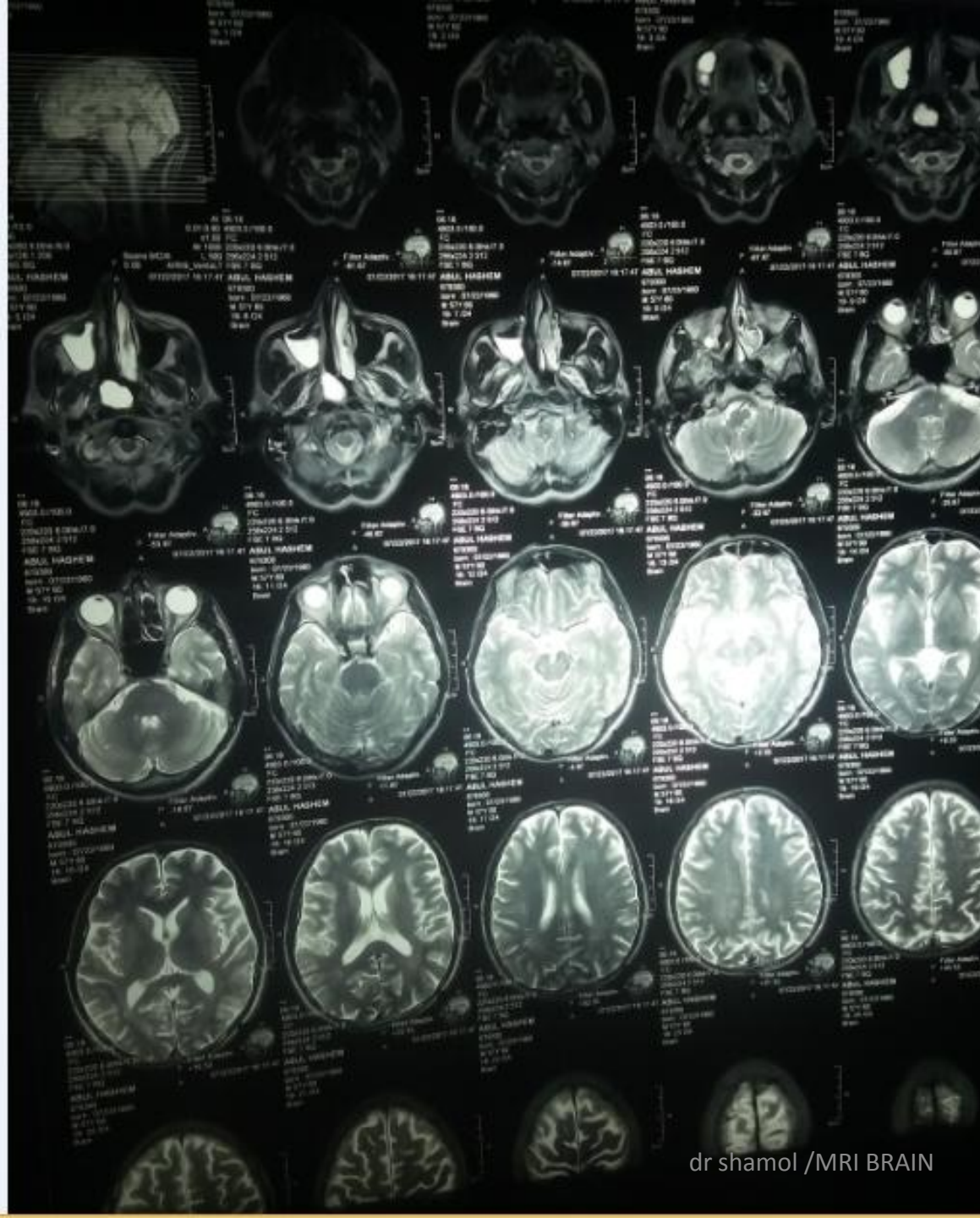
CSF-BLACK
Border of ventricle is white



FLAIR

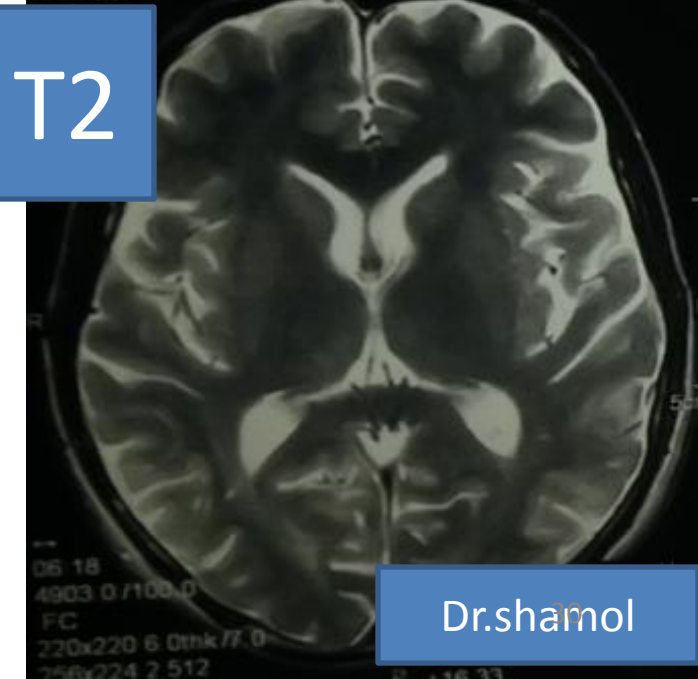
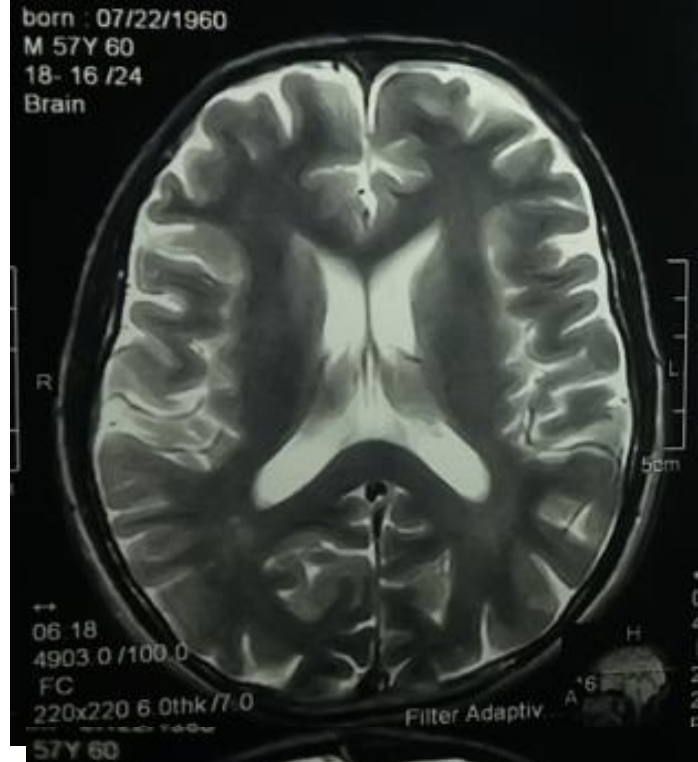


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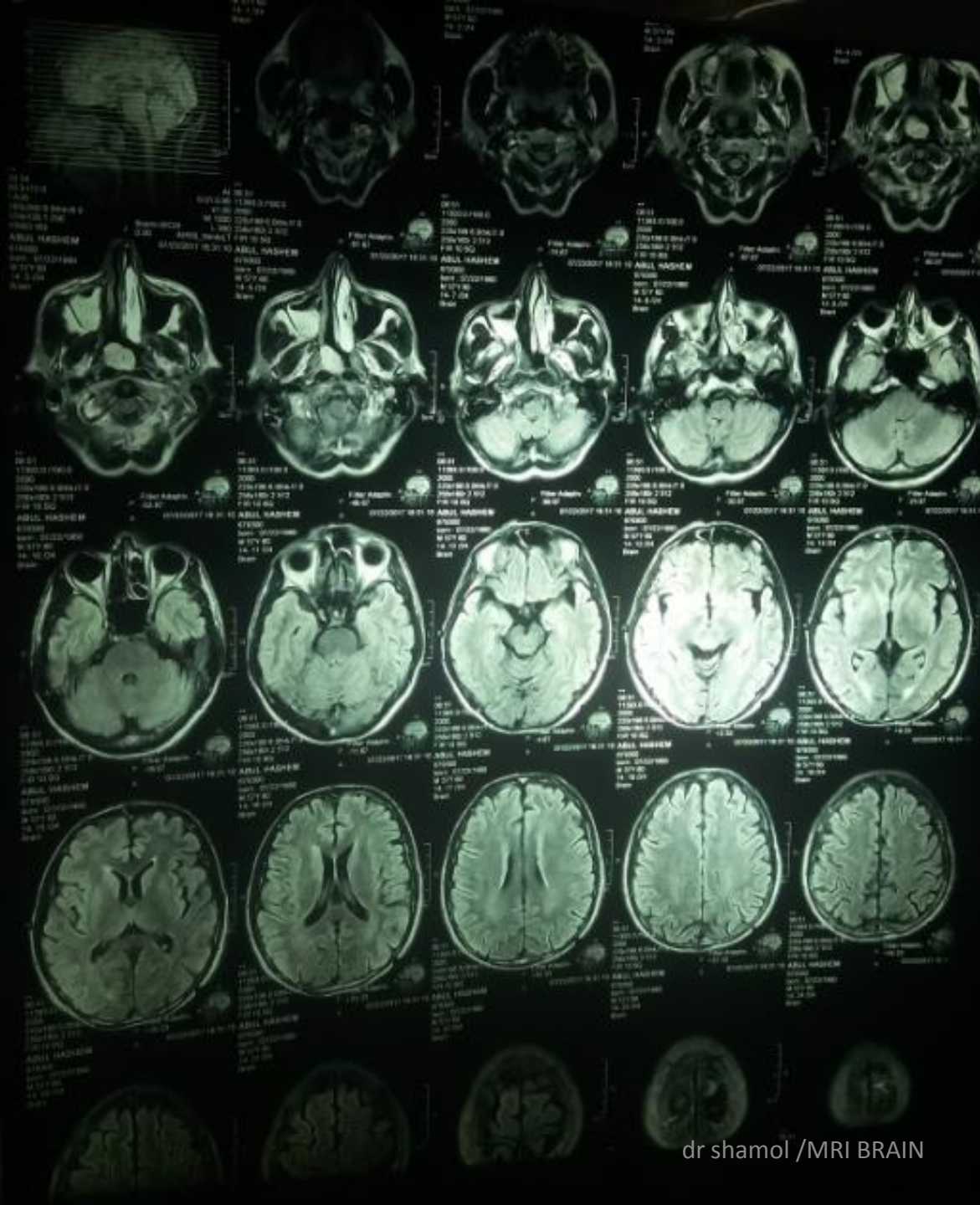
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Brain

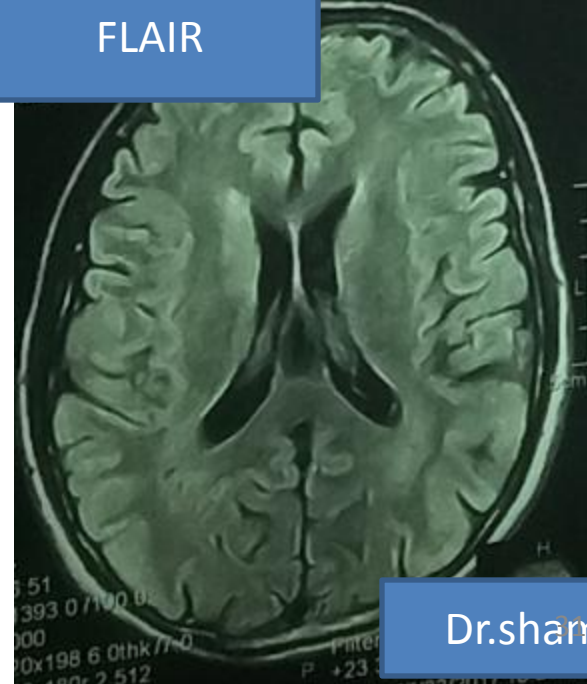


T2

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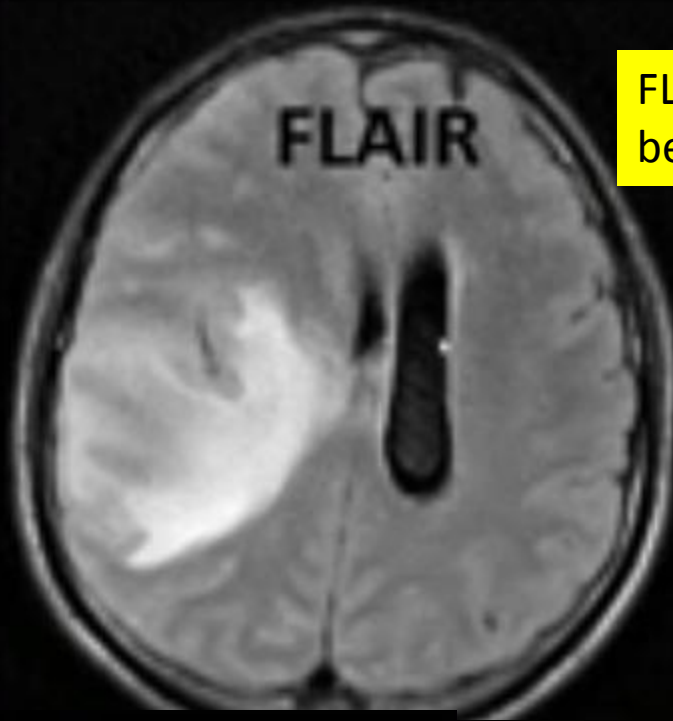
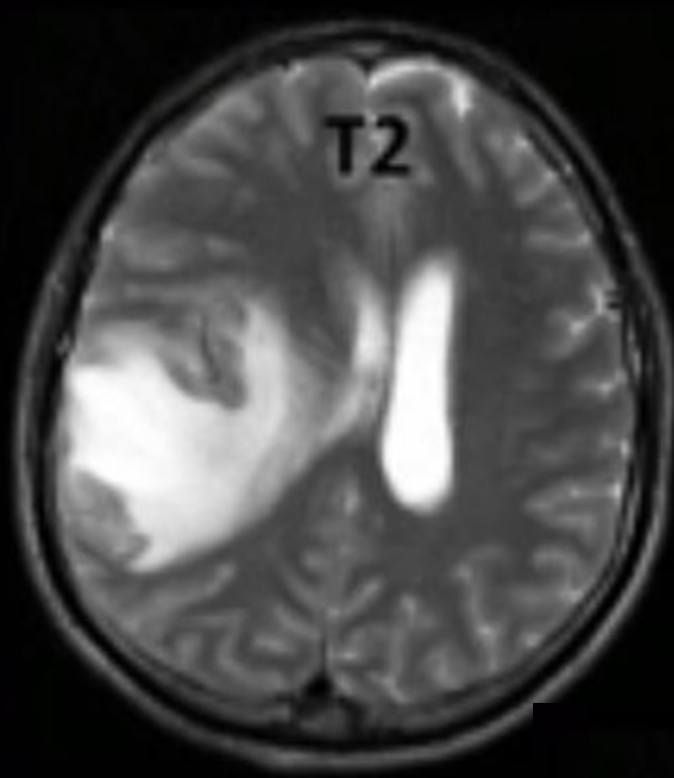


FLAIR

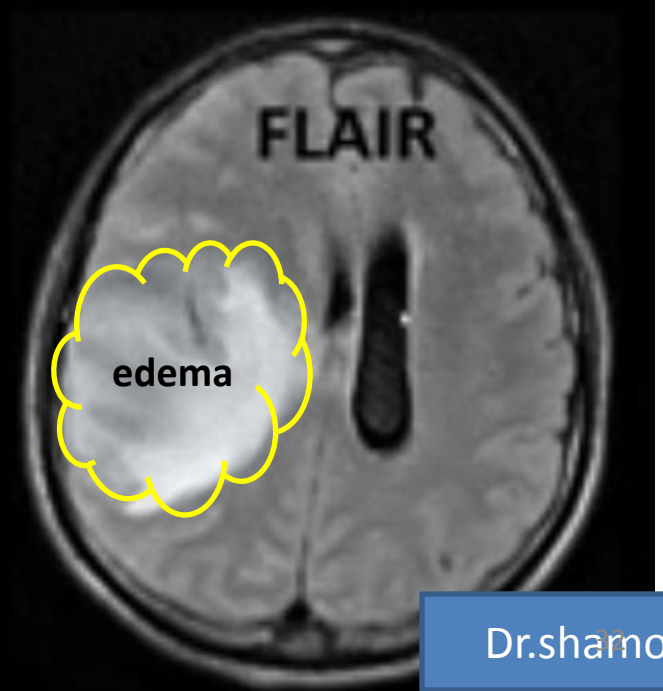
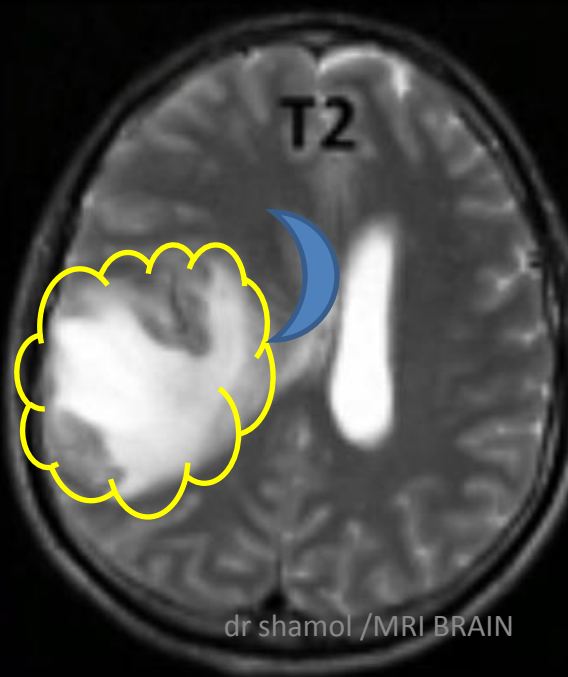


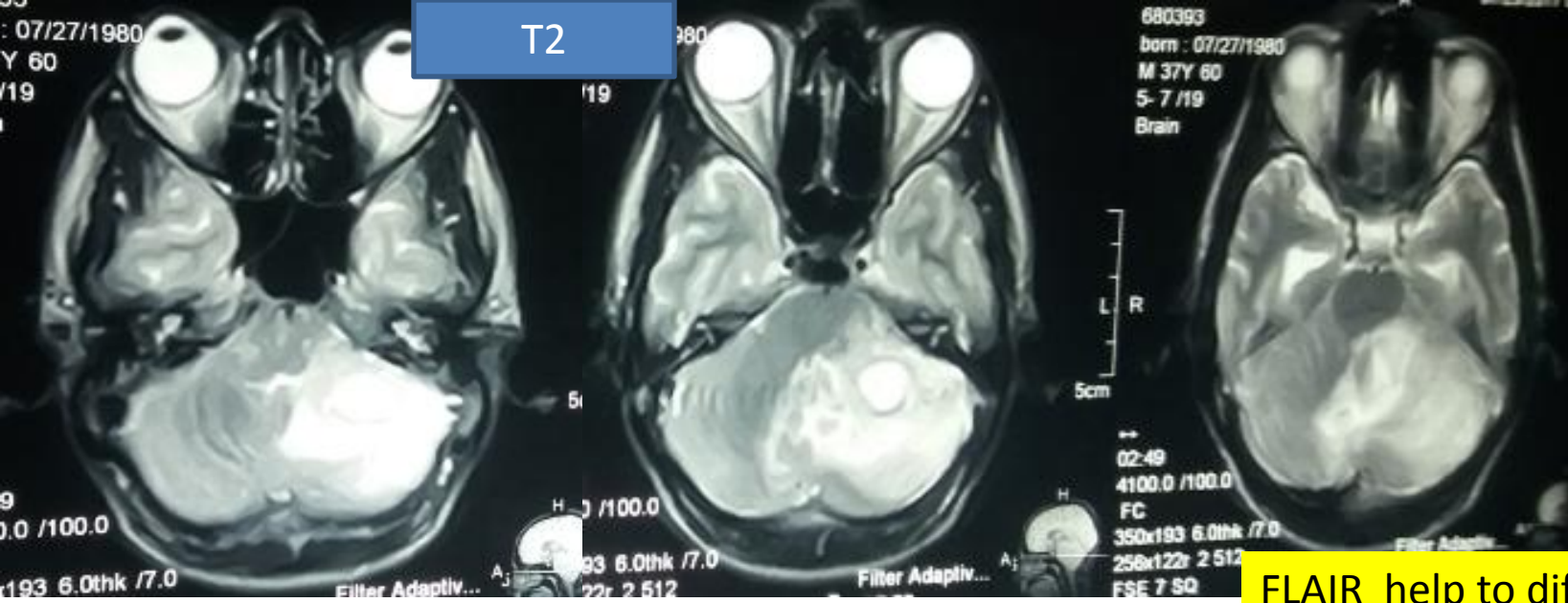
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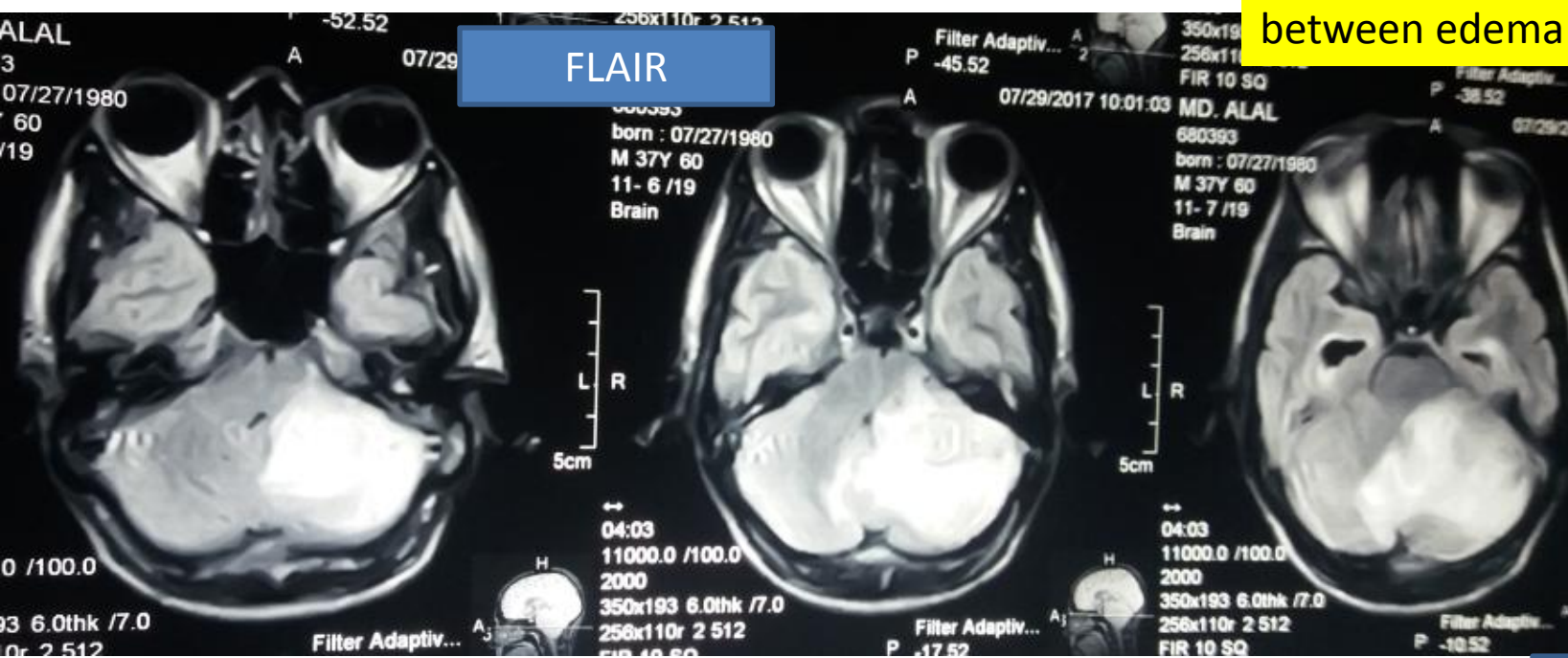


FLAIR help to differentiate between edema ventricle





FLAIR help to differentiate between edema ventricle

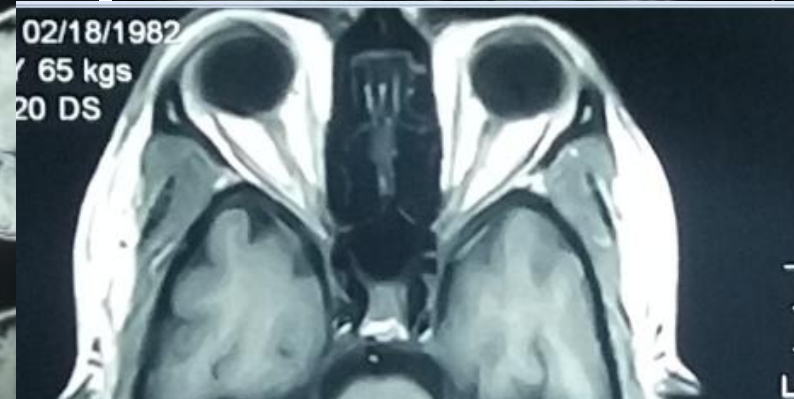
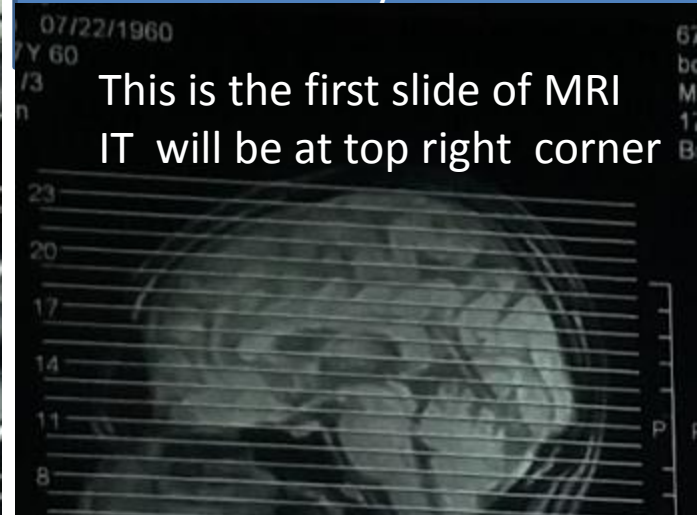
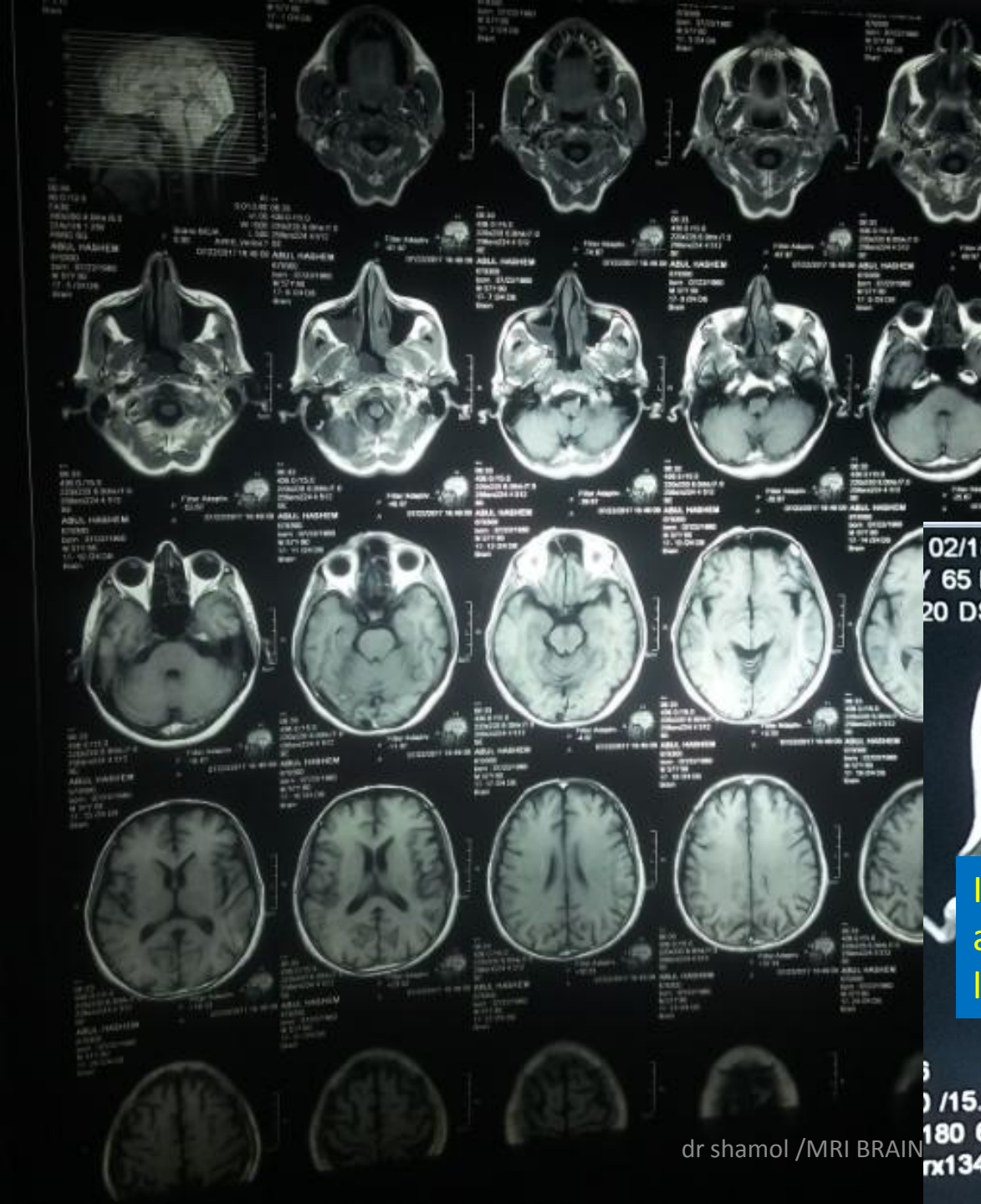


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The structure you needed to indentify

How to identify axial MRI FILM

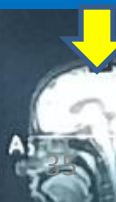
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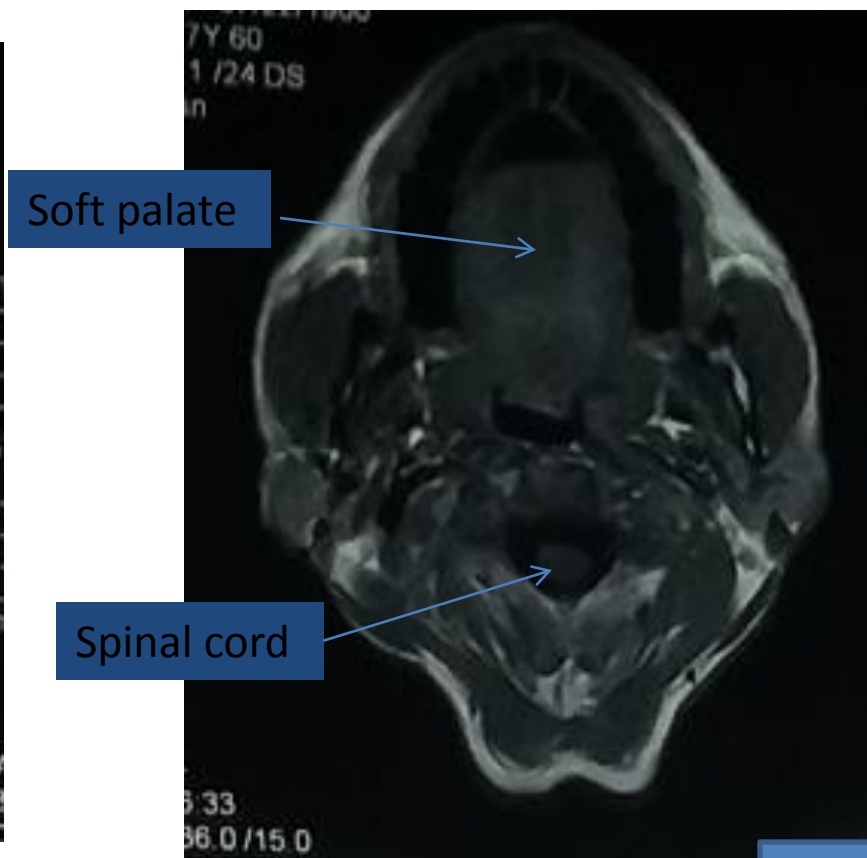
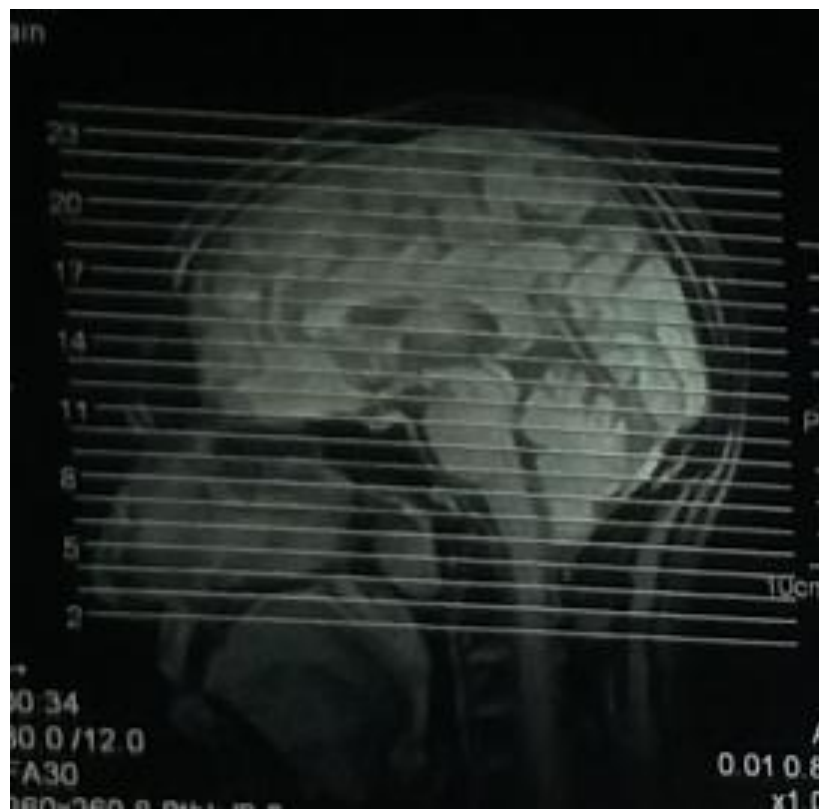
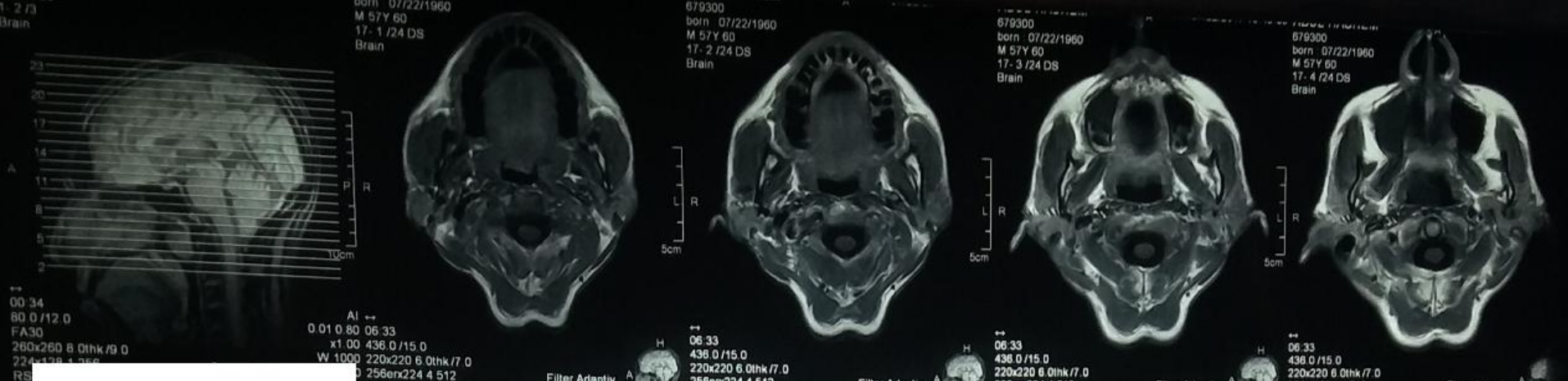


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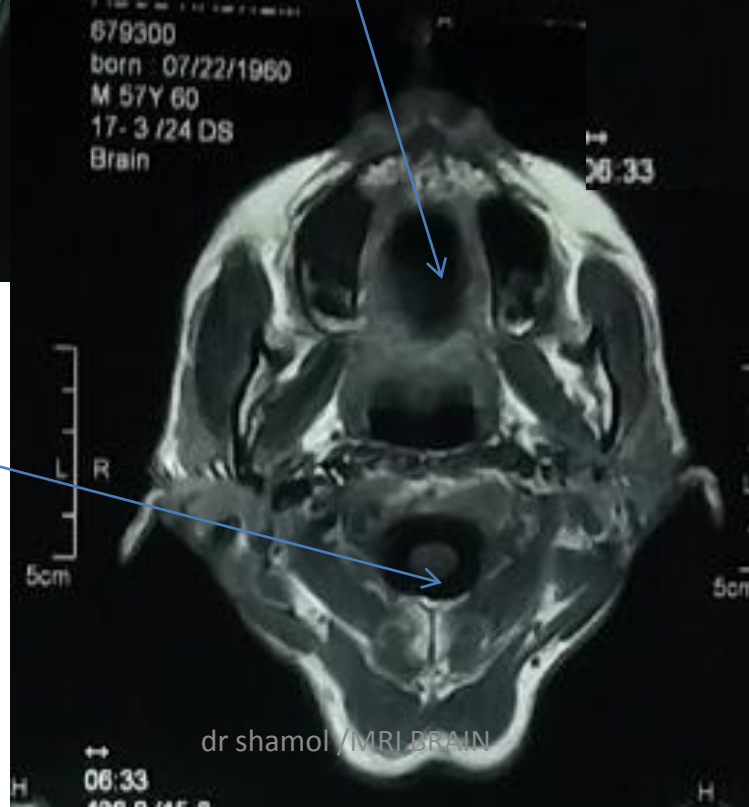
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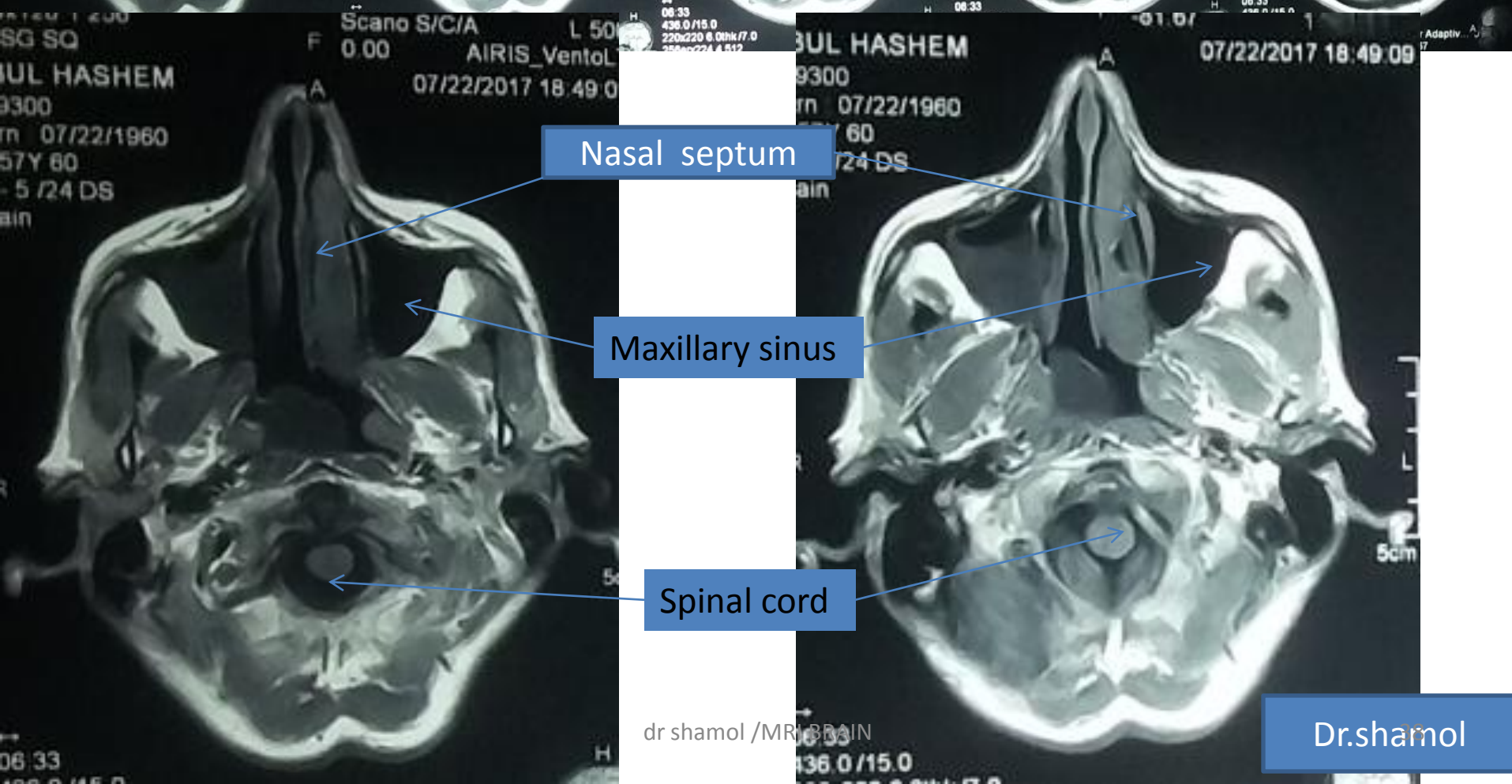
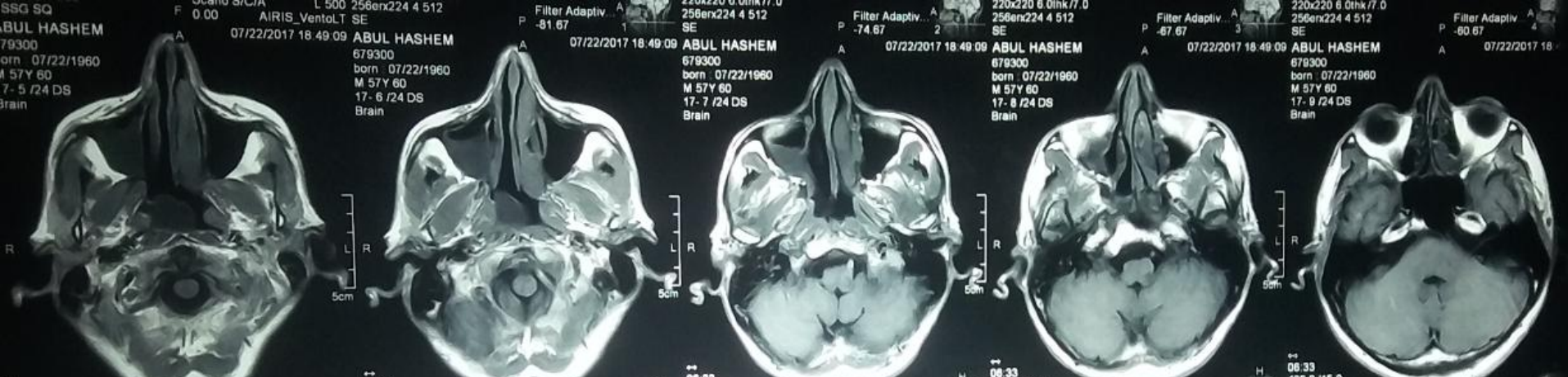
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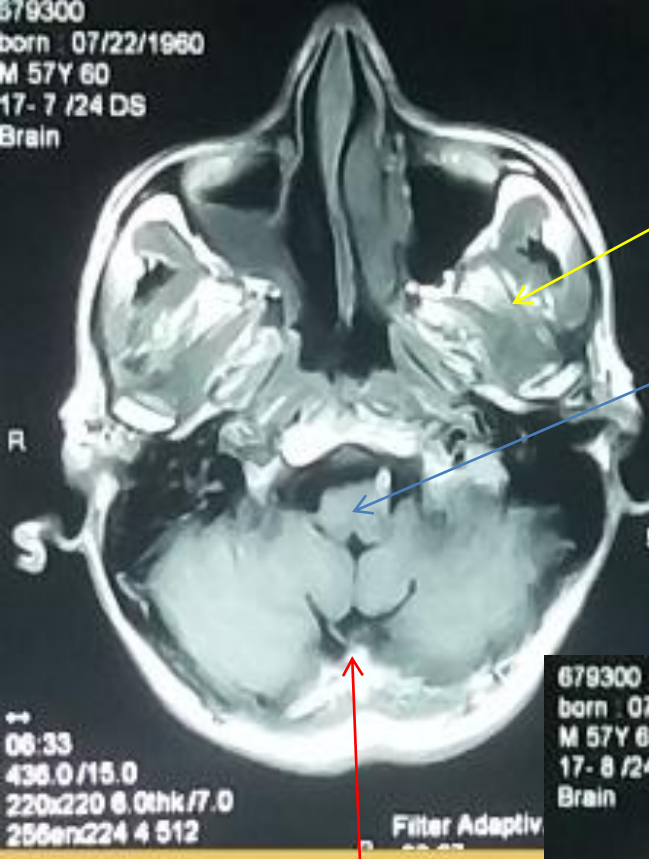
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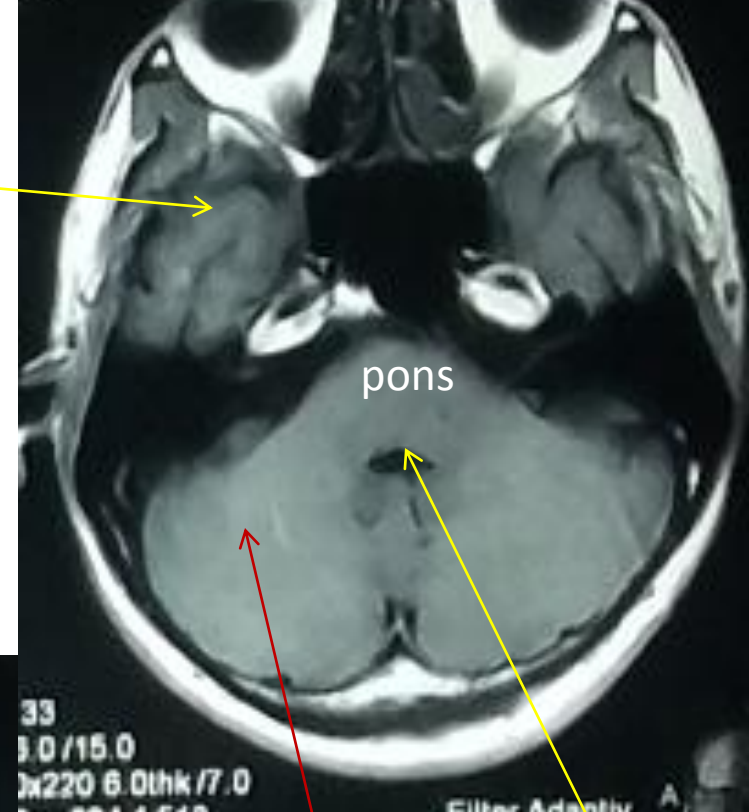




Temporal lobe

Medulla

Cisterna magna



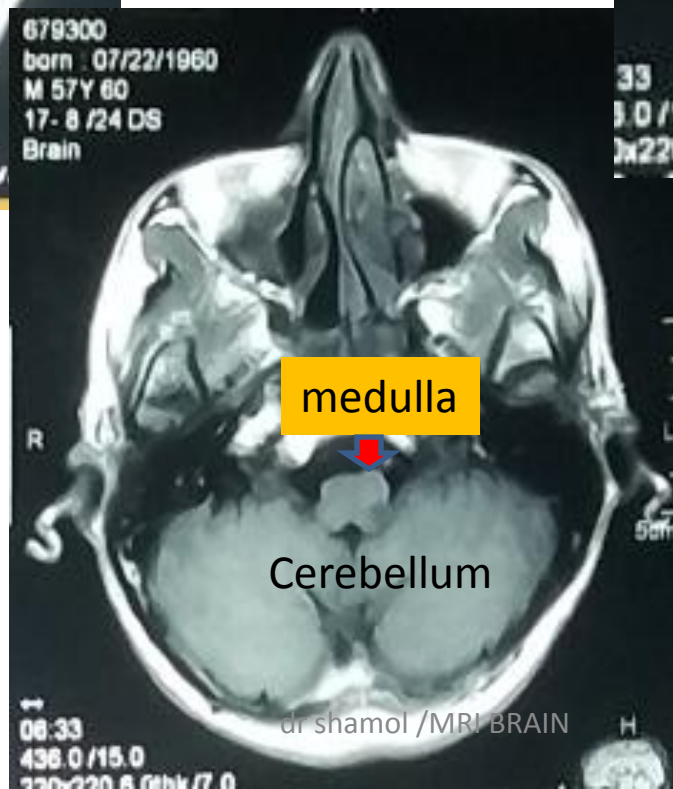
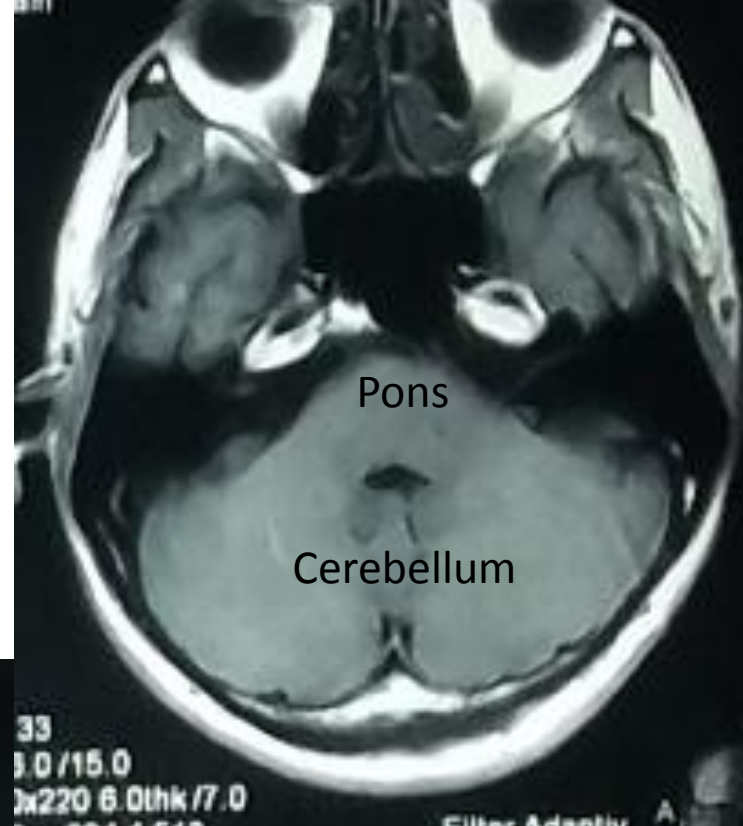
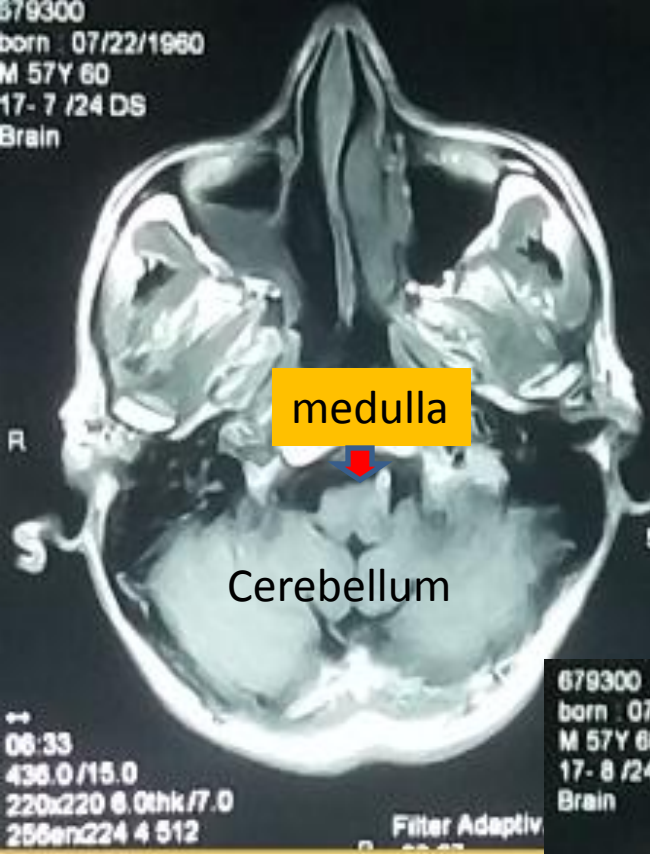
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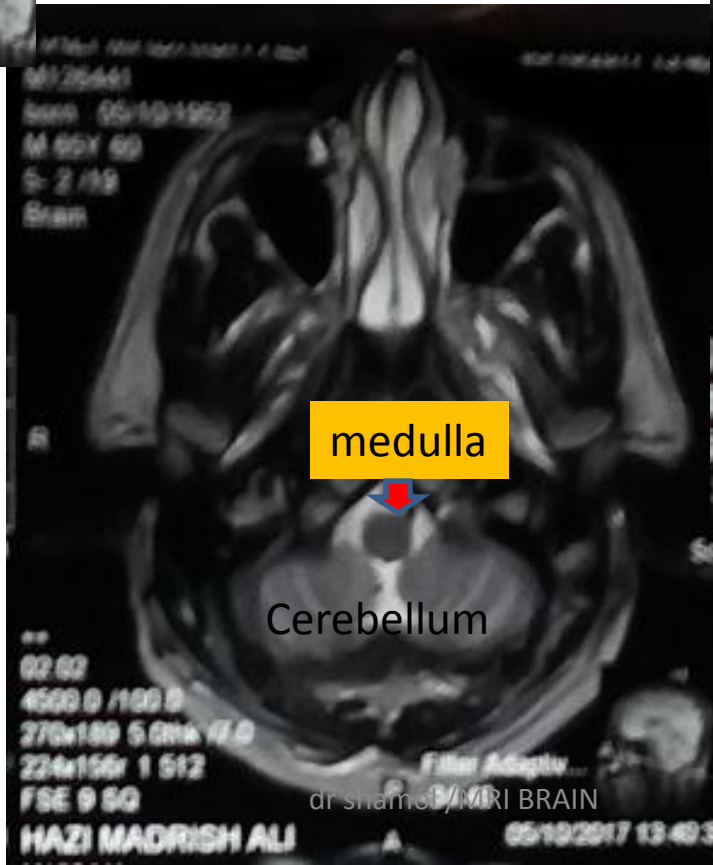
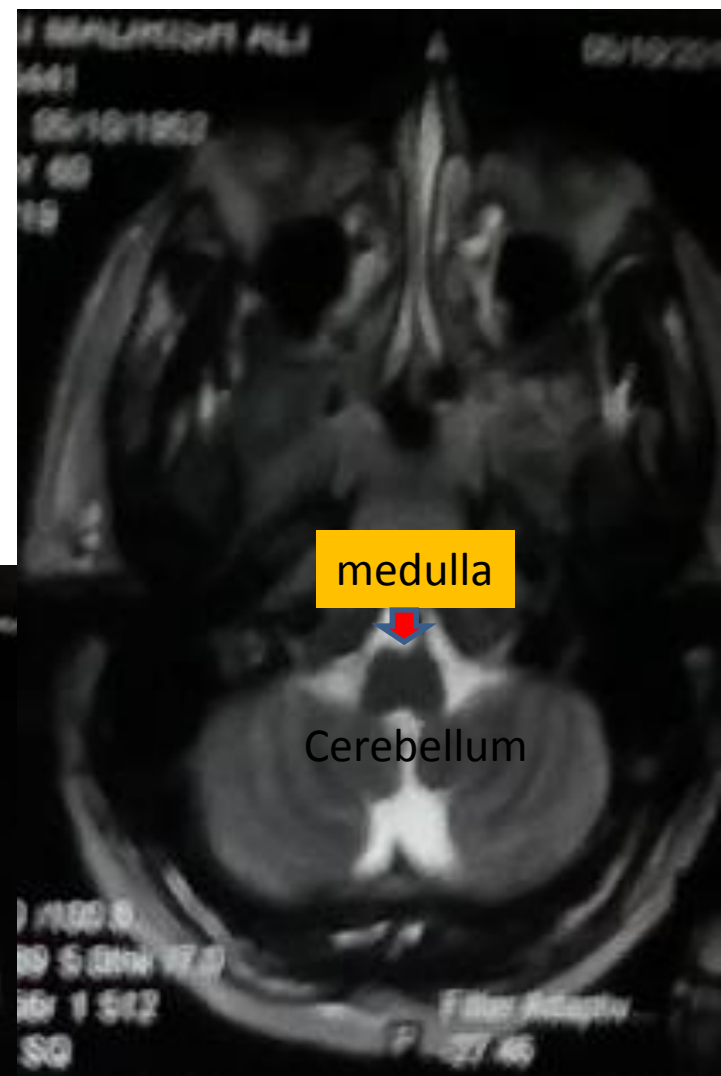
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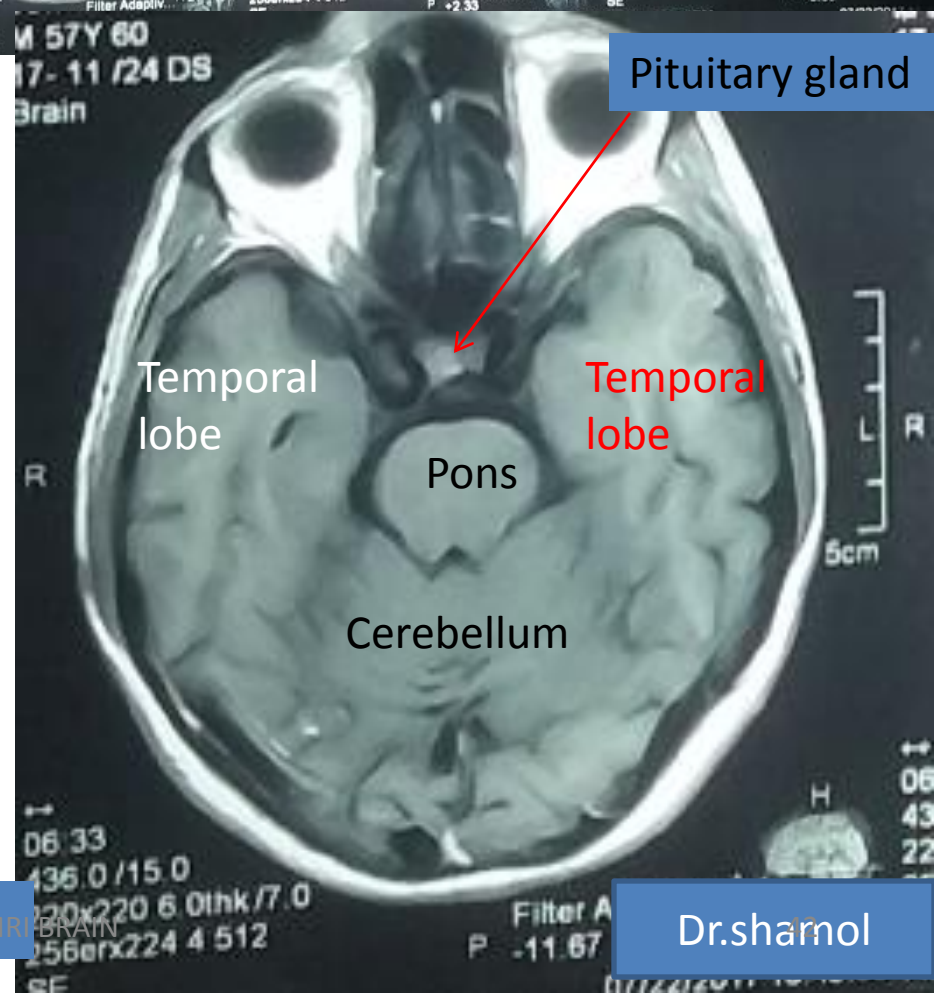
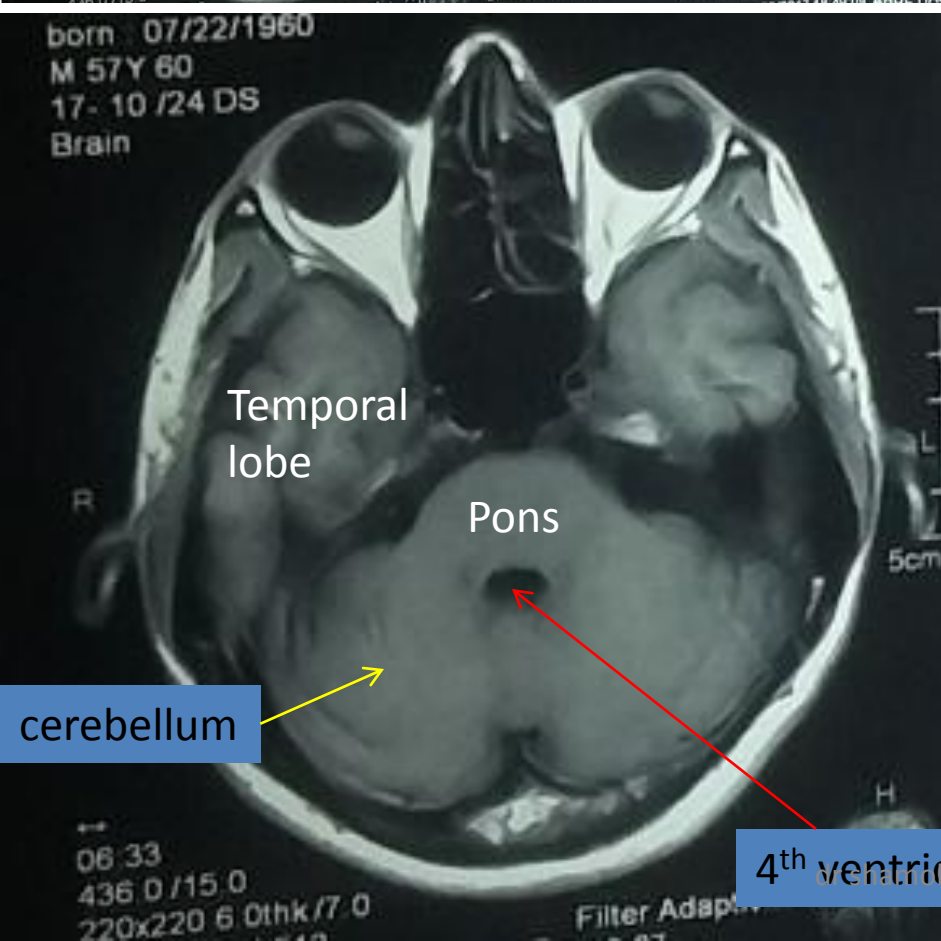
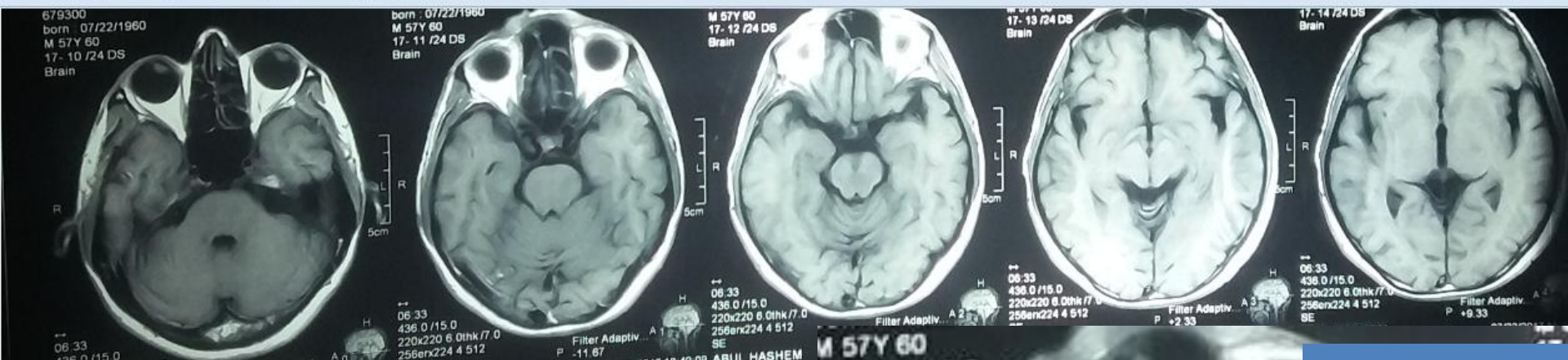


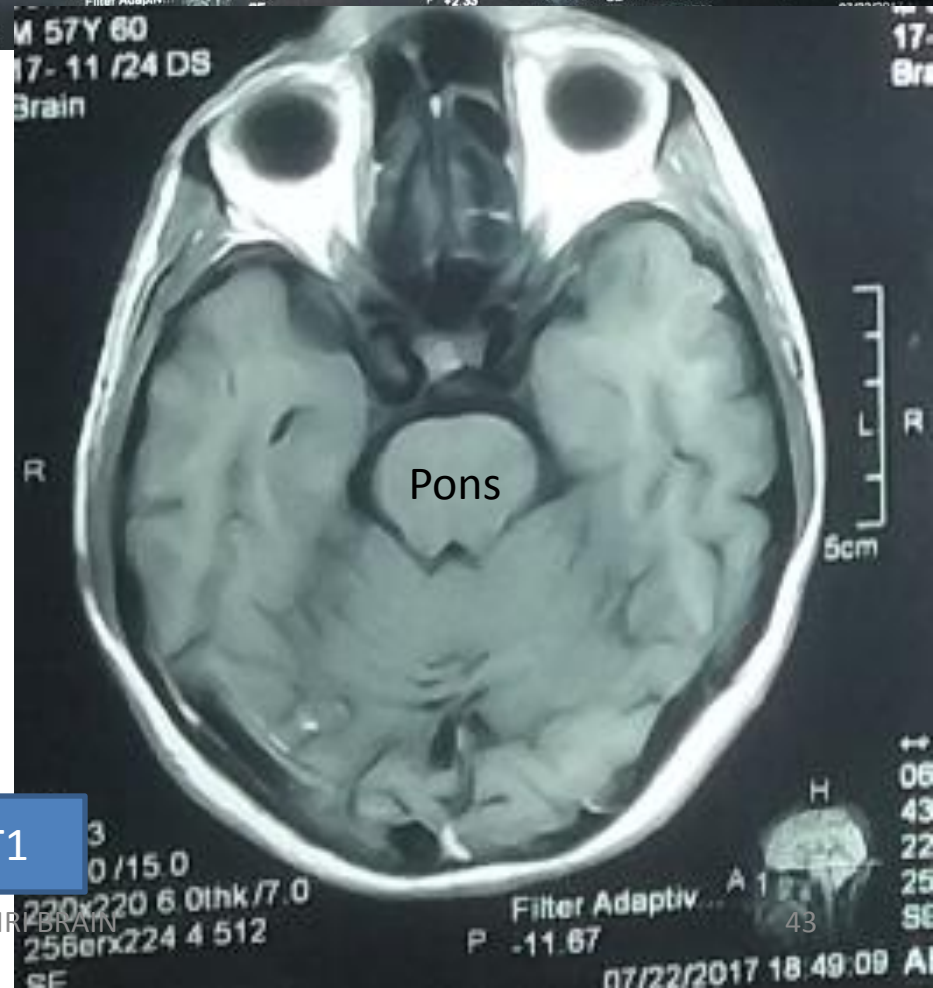
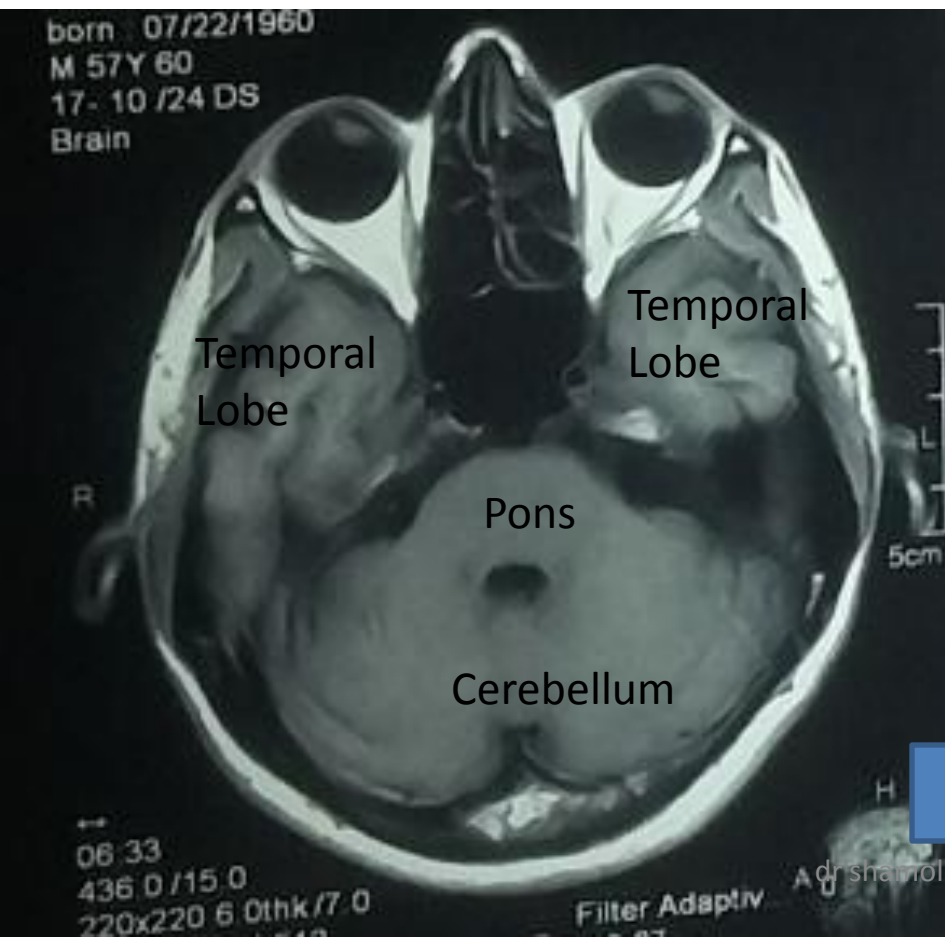
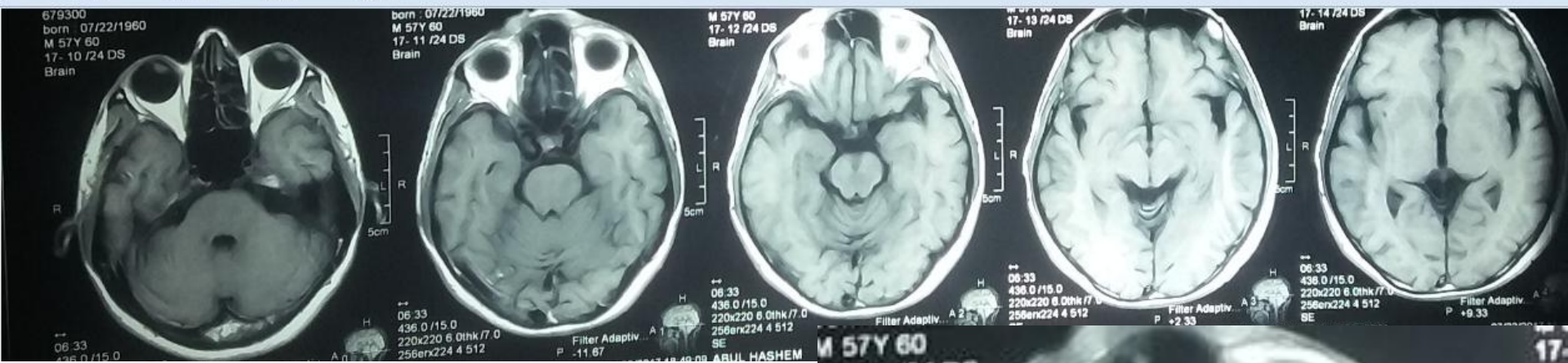
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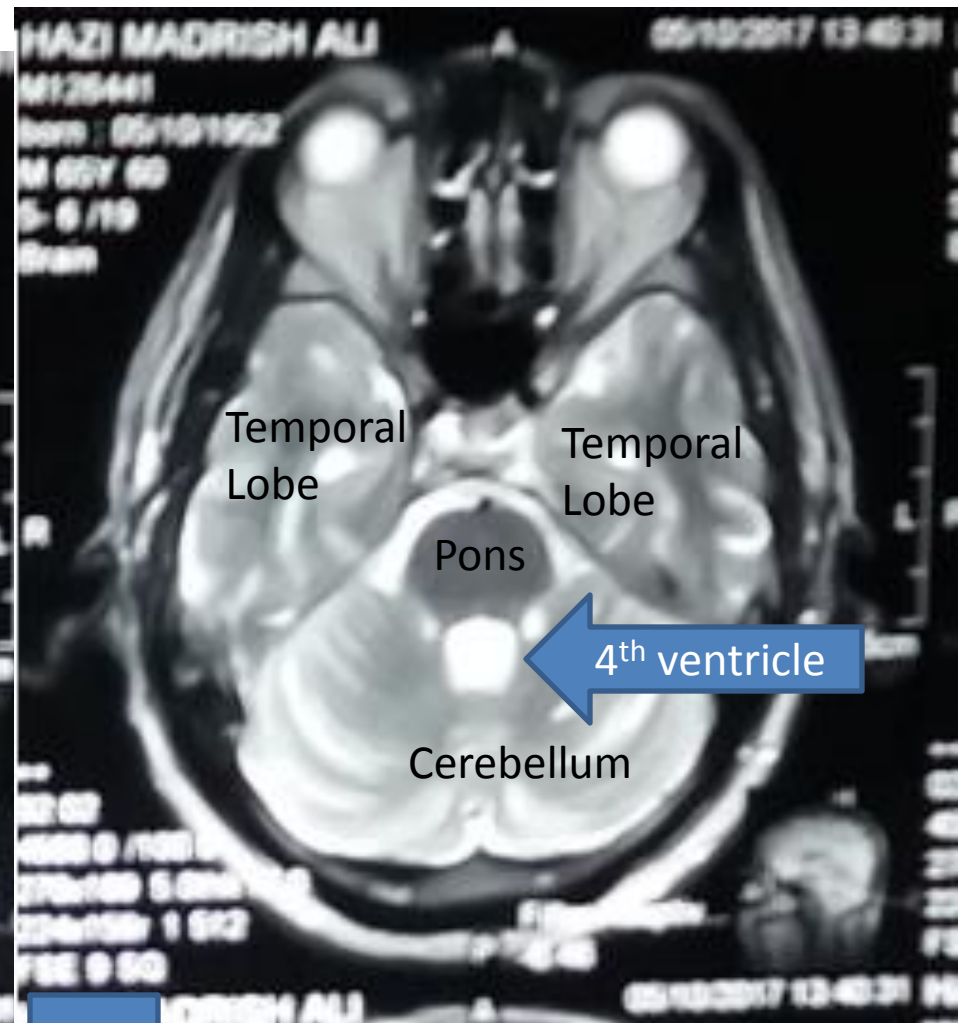
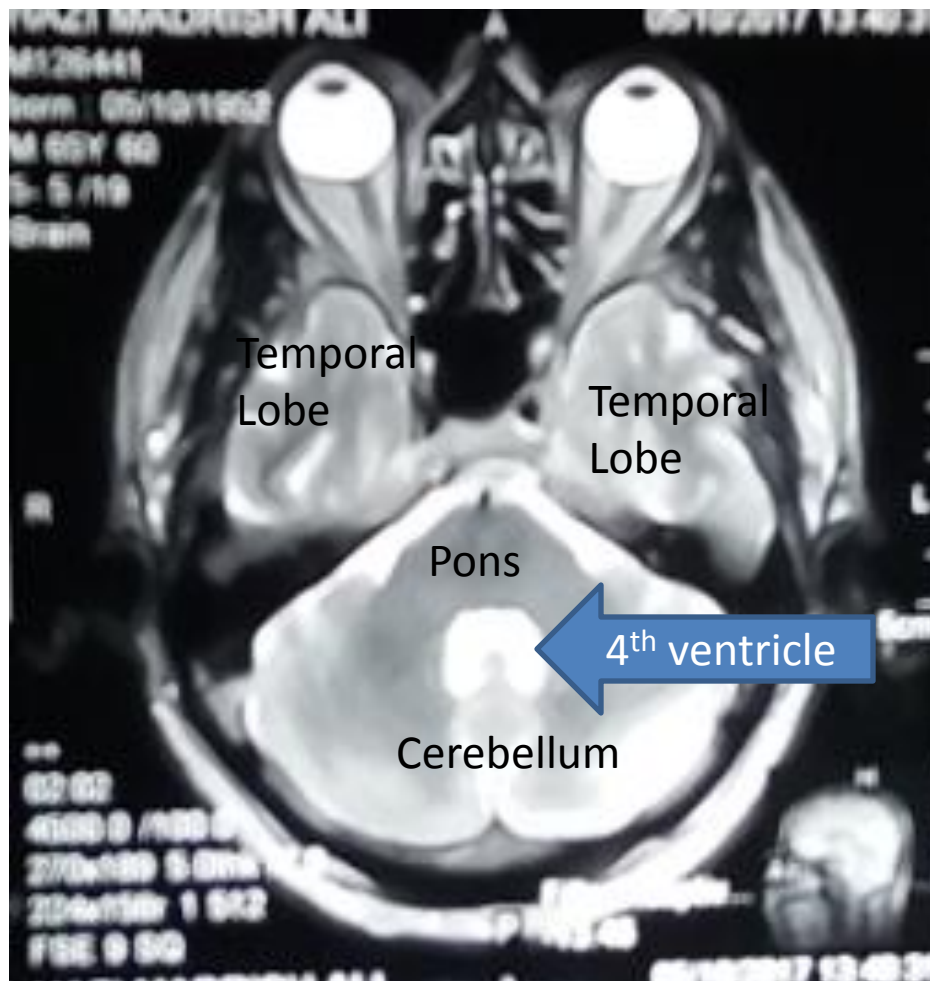
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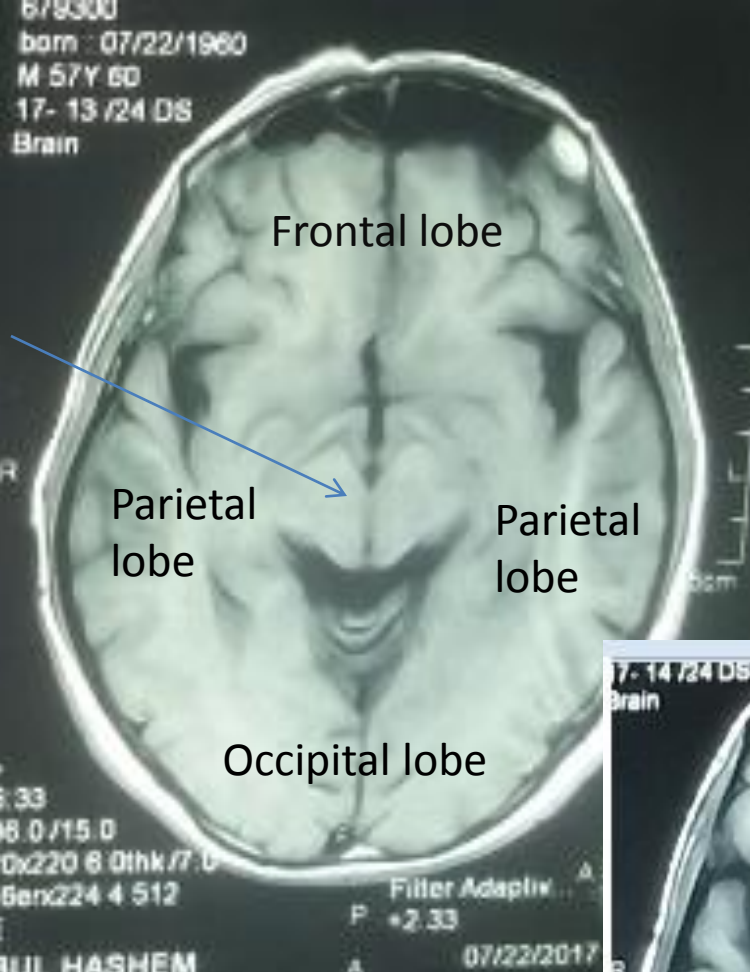




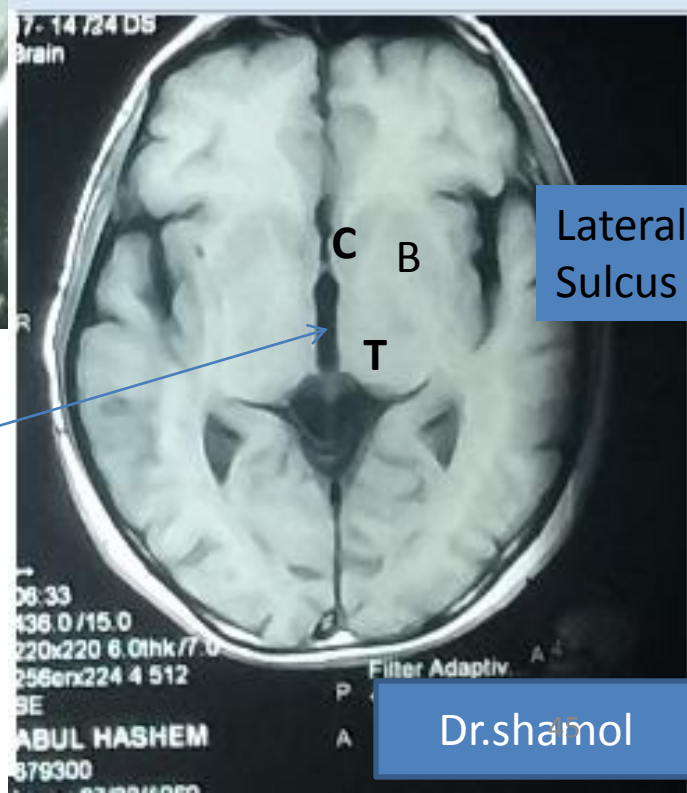
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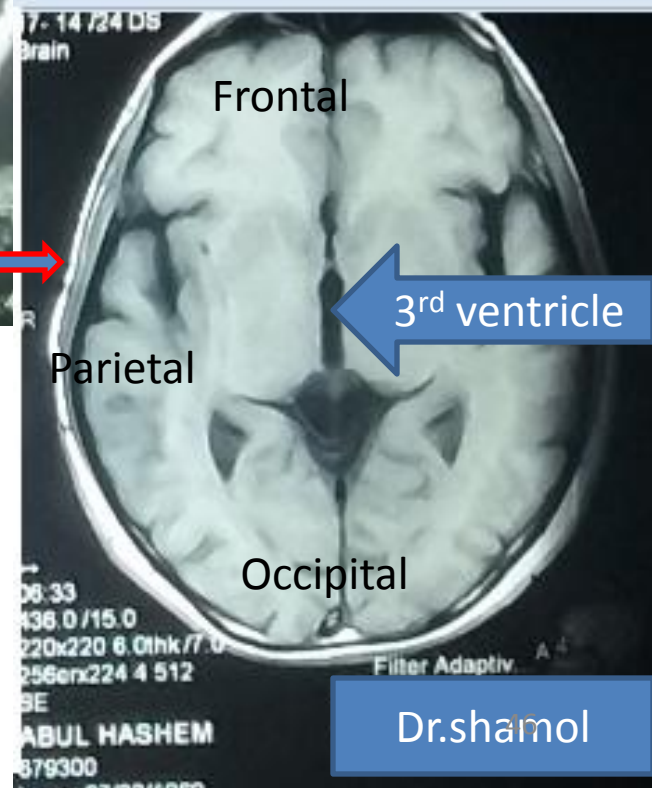
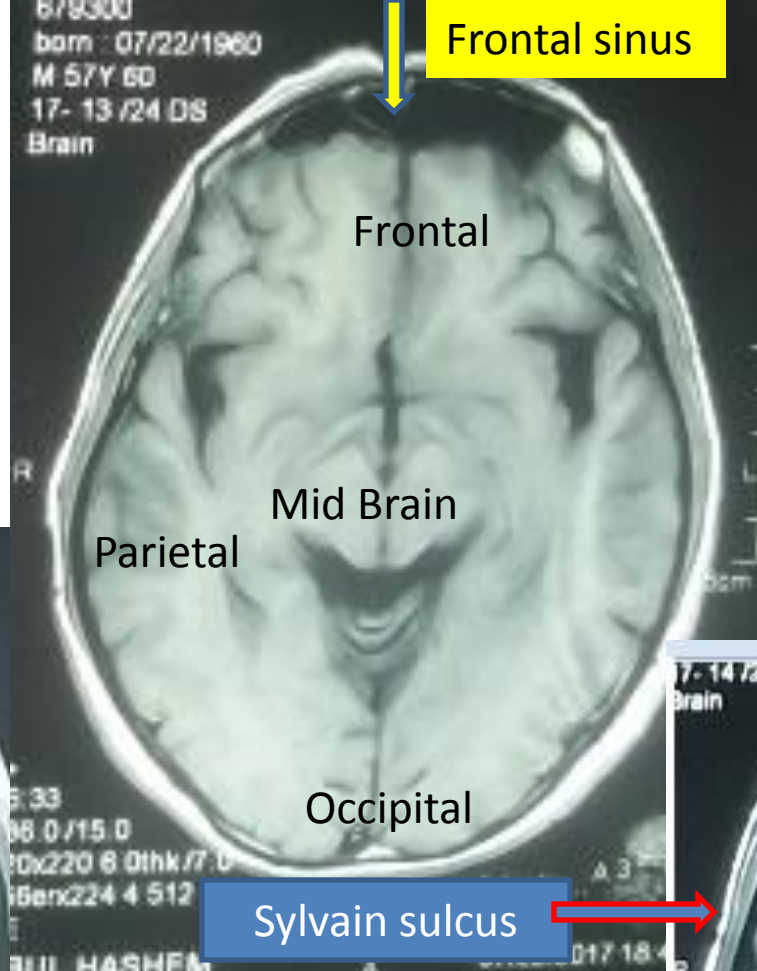
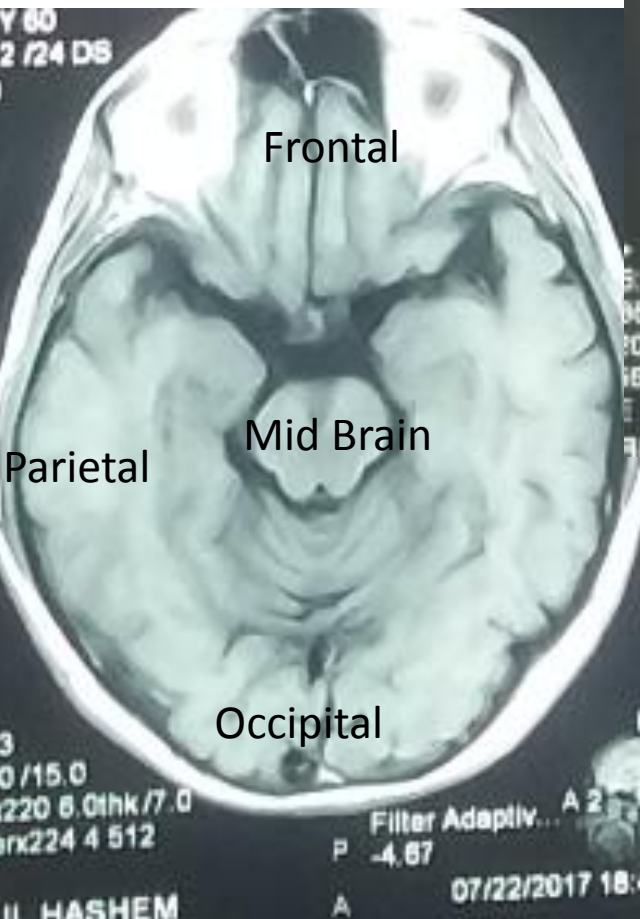


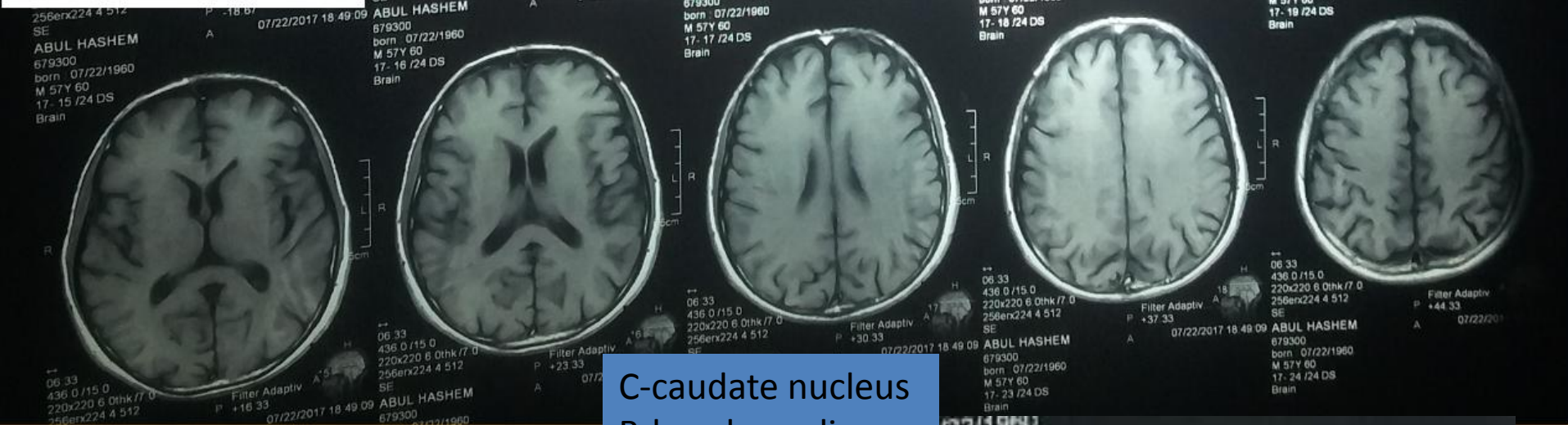
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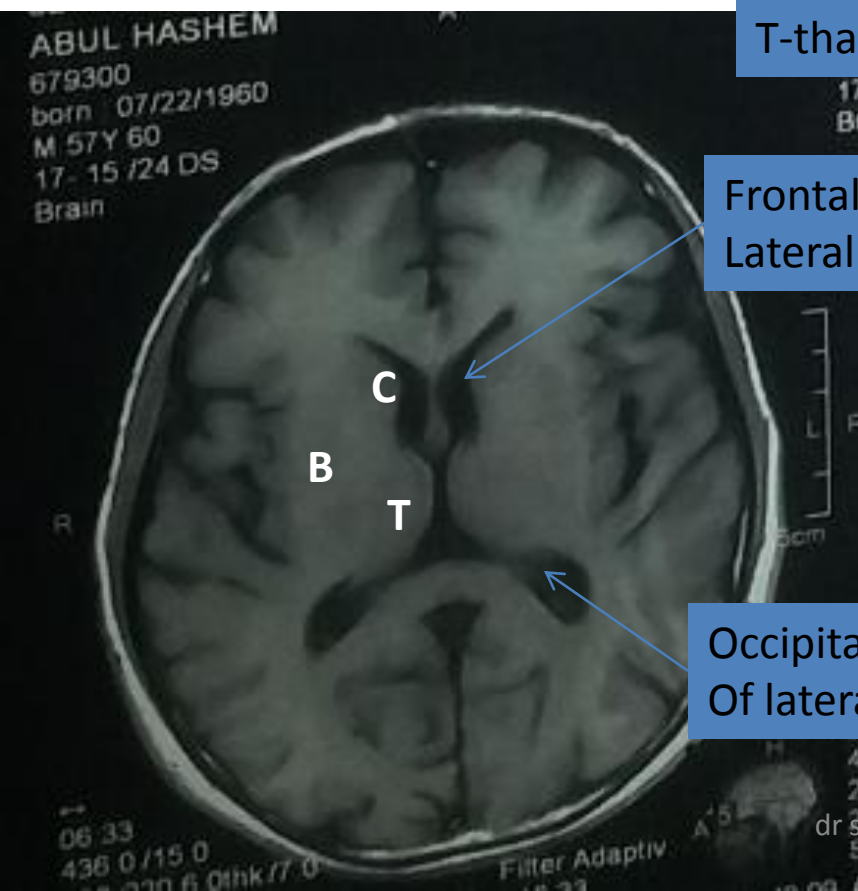
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B-basal ganglia
T-thalamus





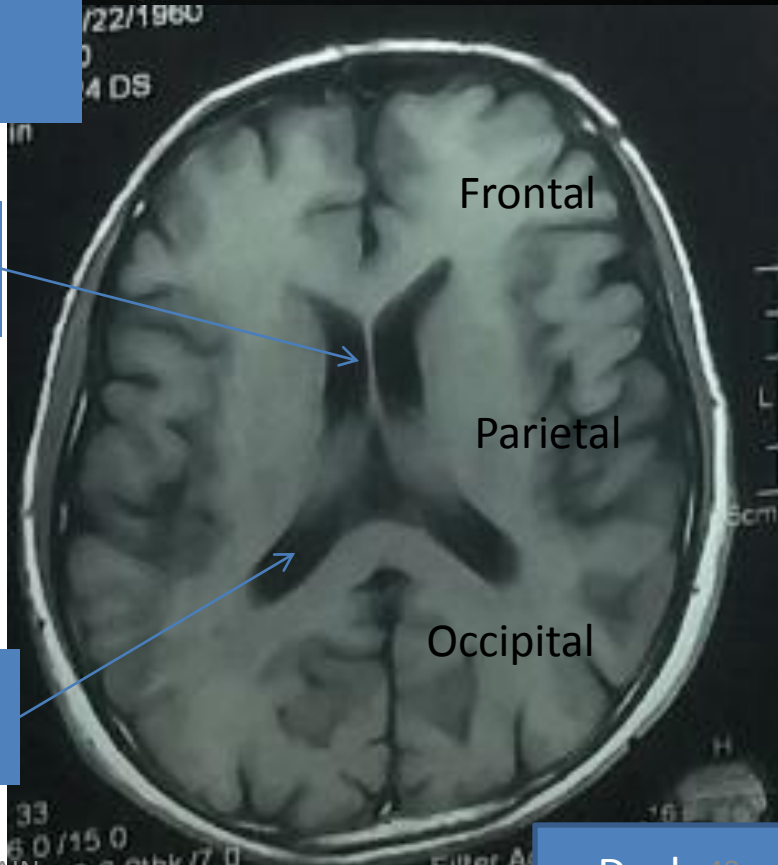


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Frontal Horne of
Lateral ventricle

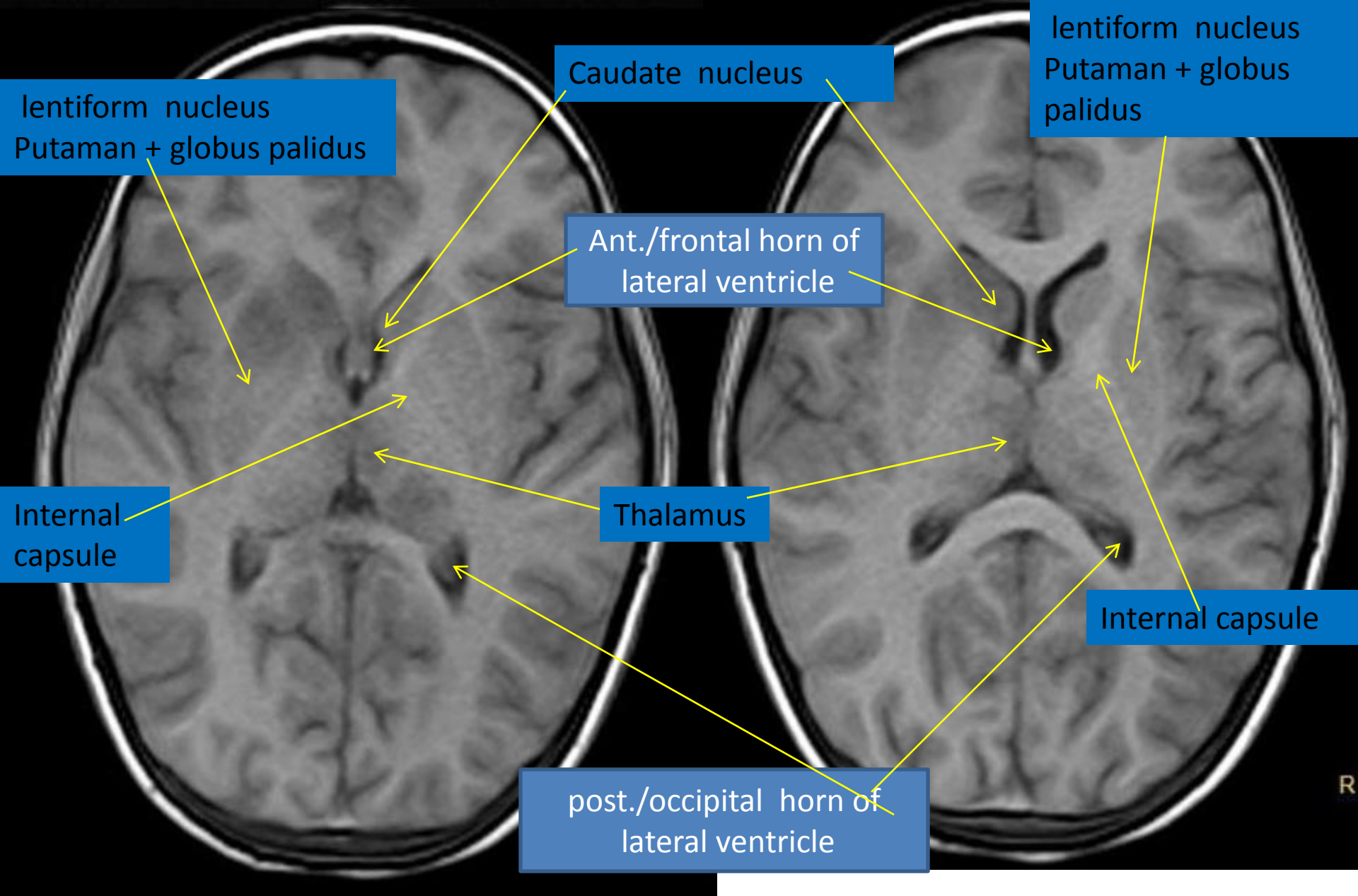
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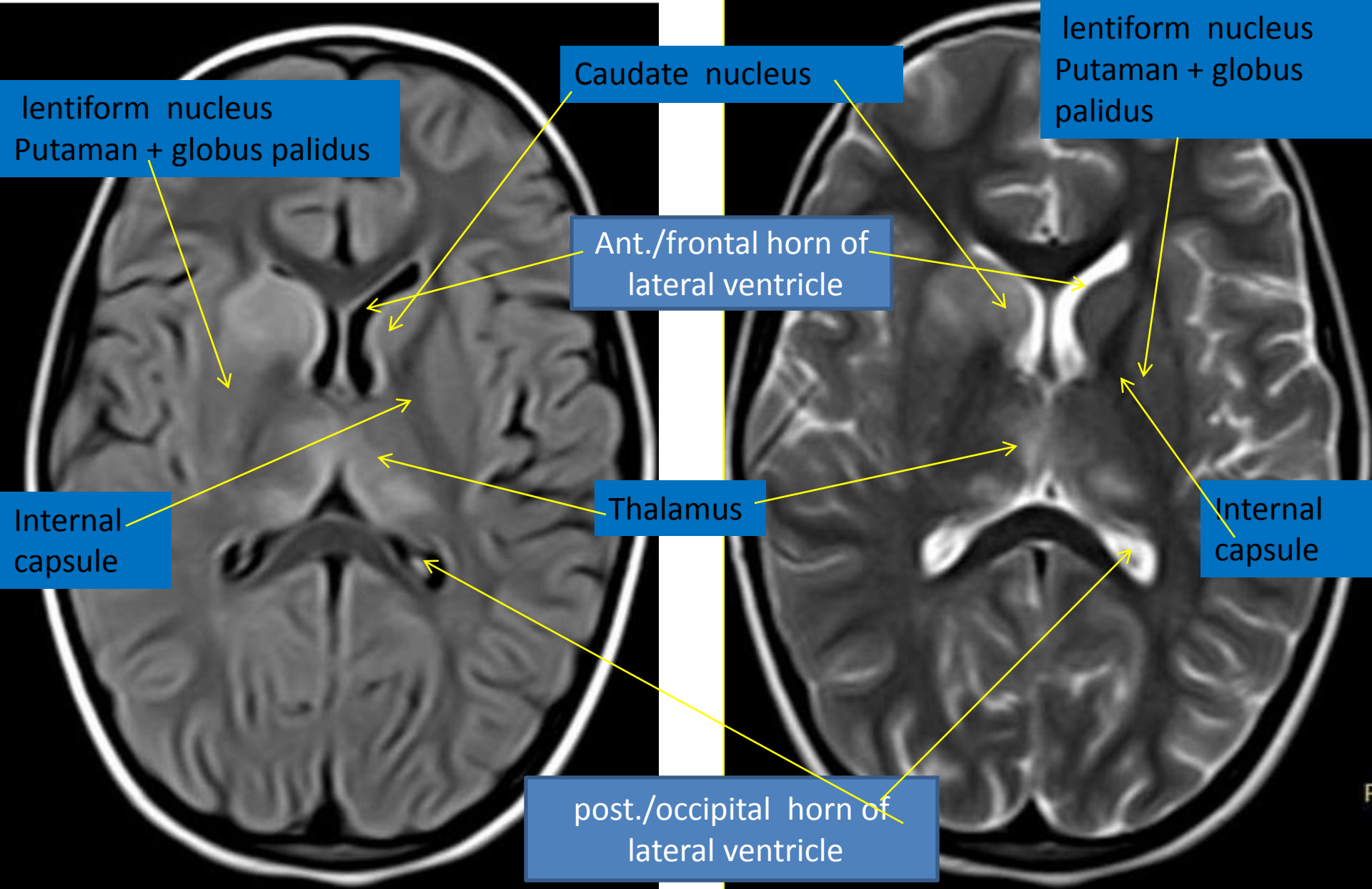


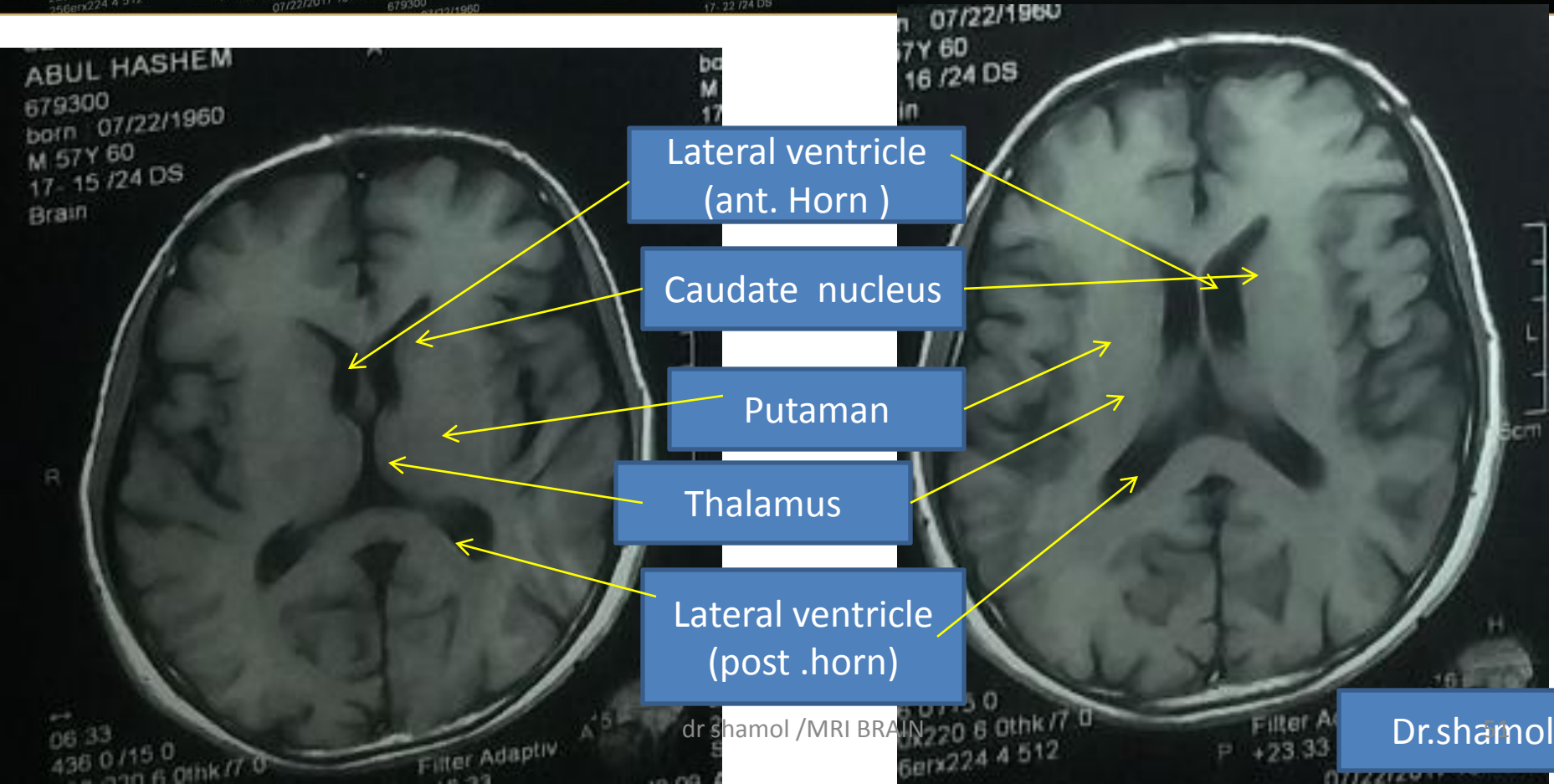
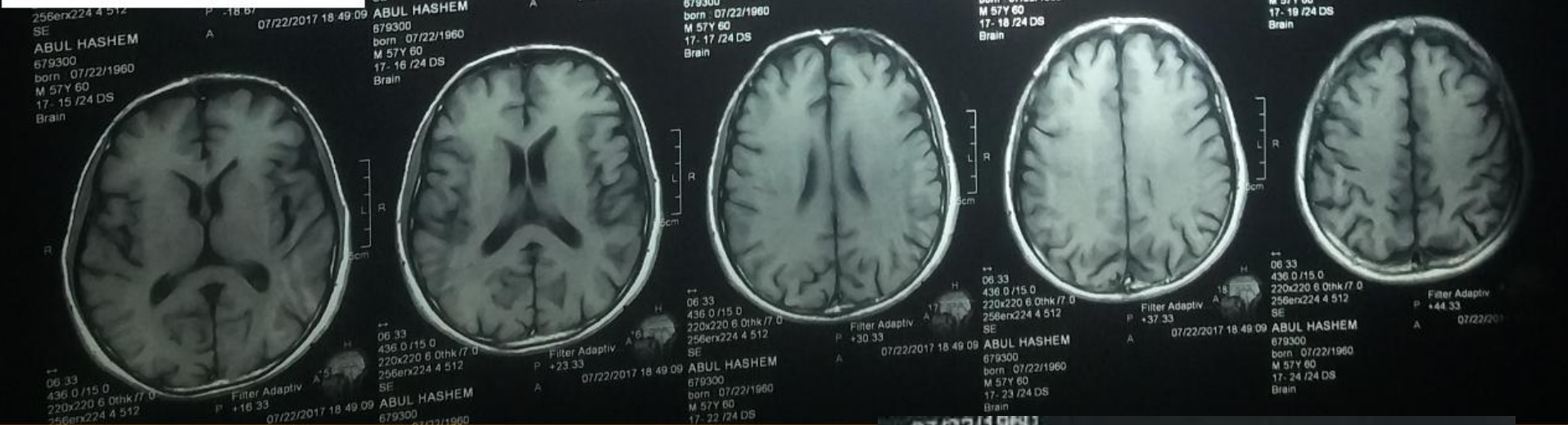
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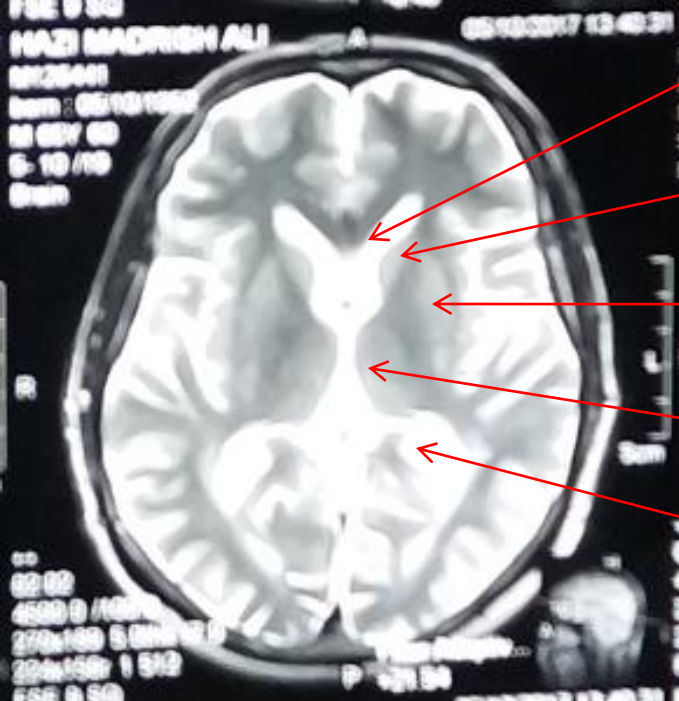
Parietal

Occipital









Lateral ventricle
(ant. Horn)

Caudate nucleus

Putaman

Thalamus

Lateral ventricle
(post .horn)



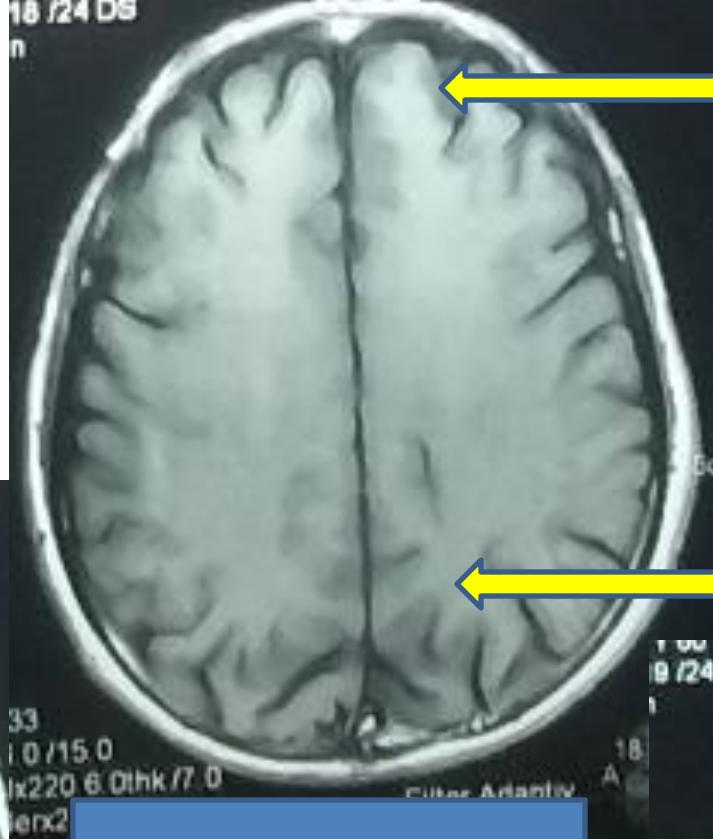
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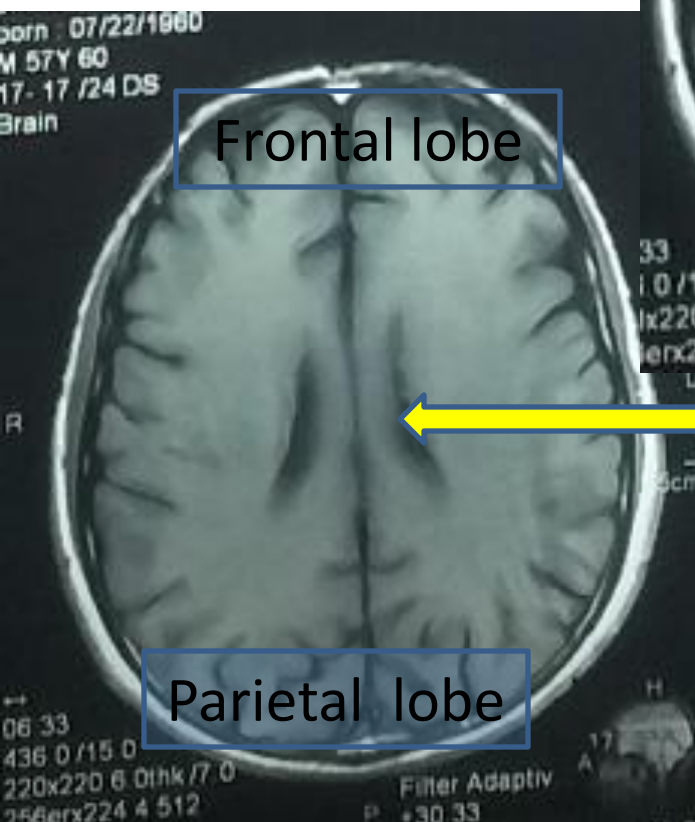
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Frontal lobe

Parietal lobe



Frontal lobe

Lateral ventricle

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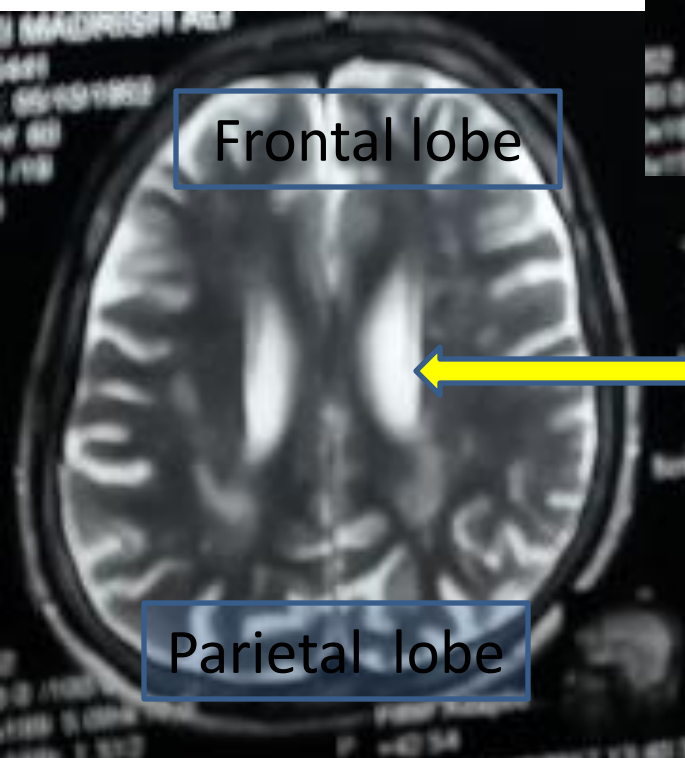


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Parietal lobe



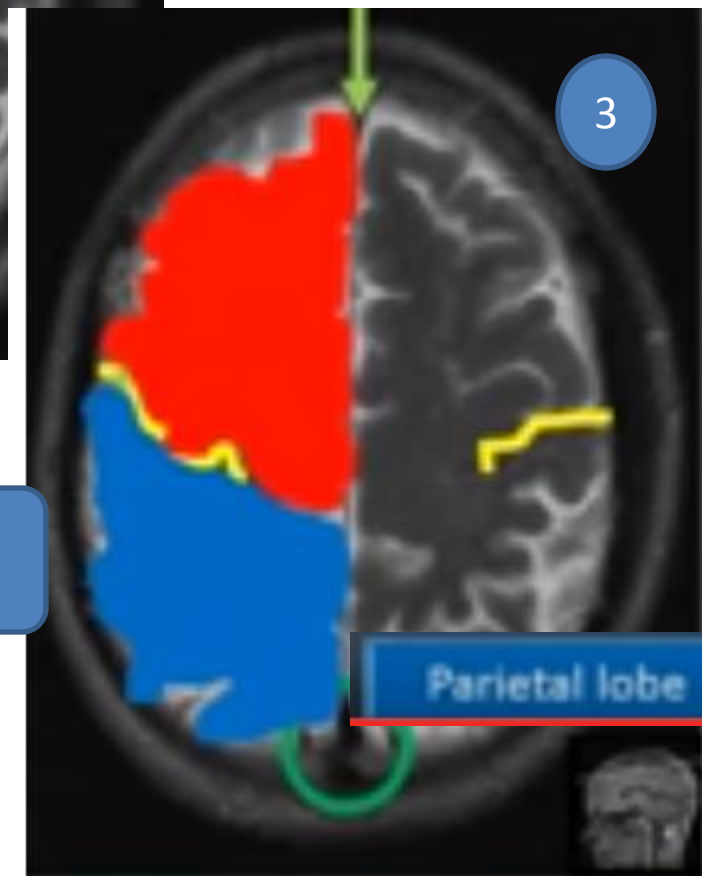
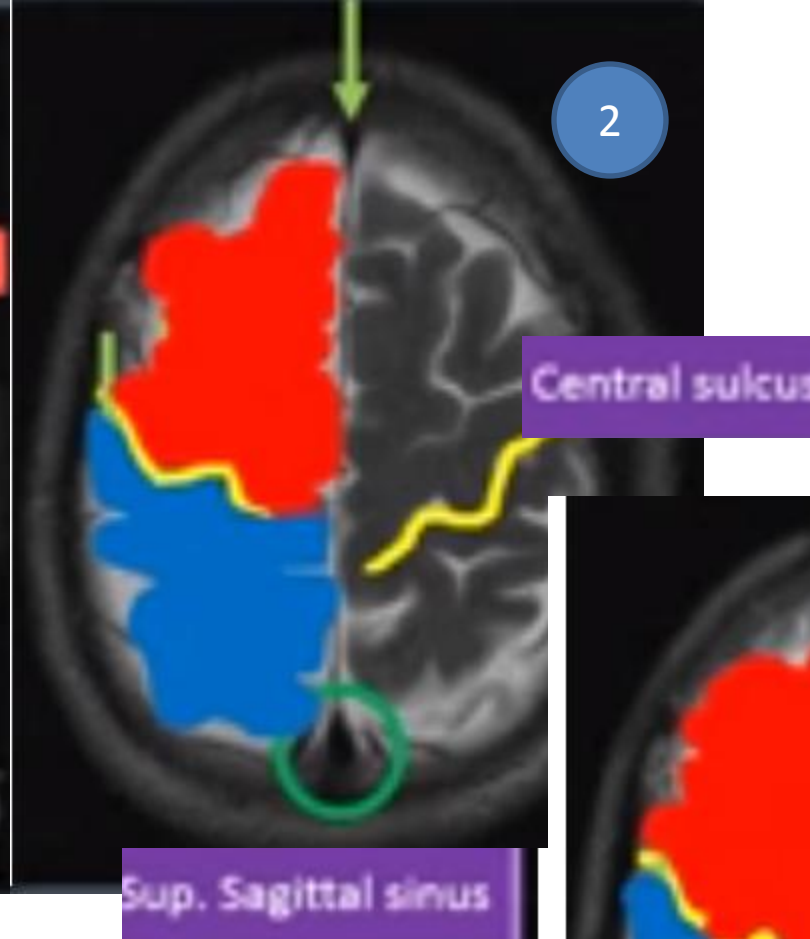
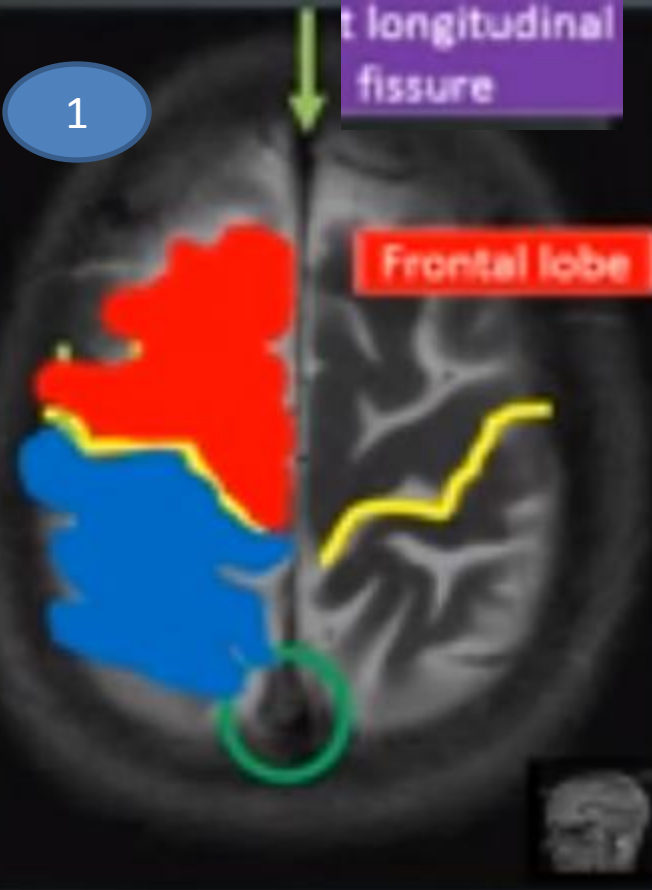
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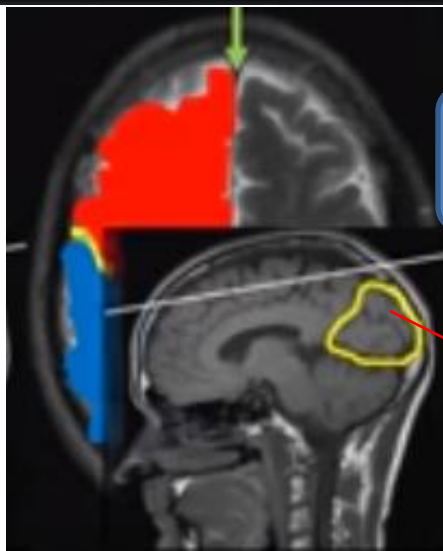


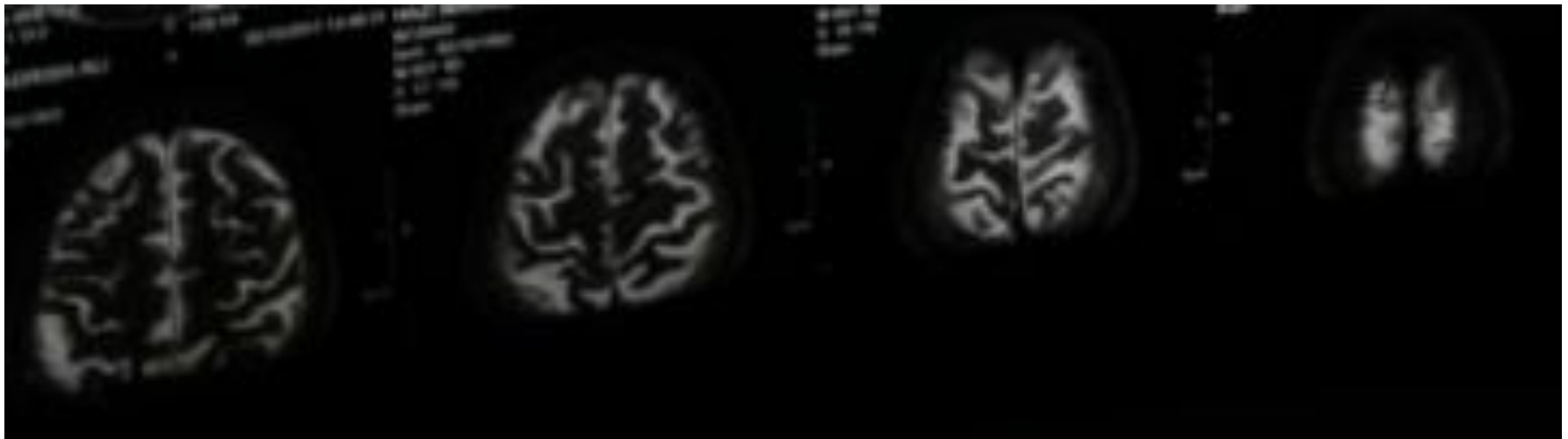
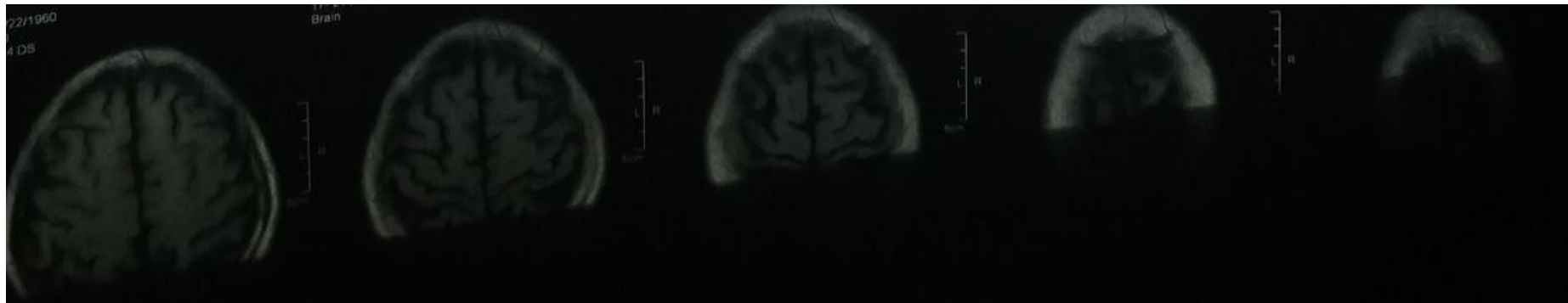
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Here no occipital lobe
It remain below the section line

→ Occipital lobe

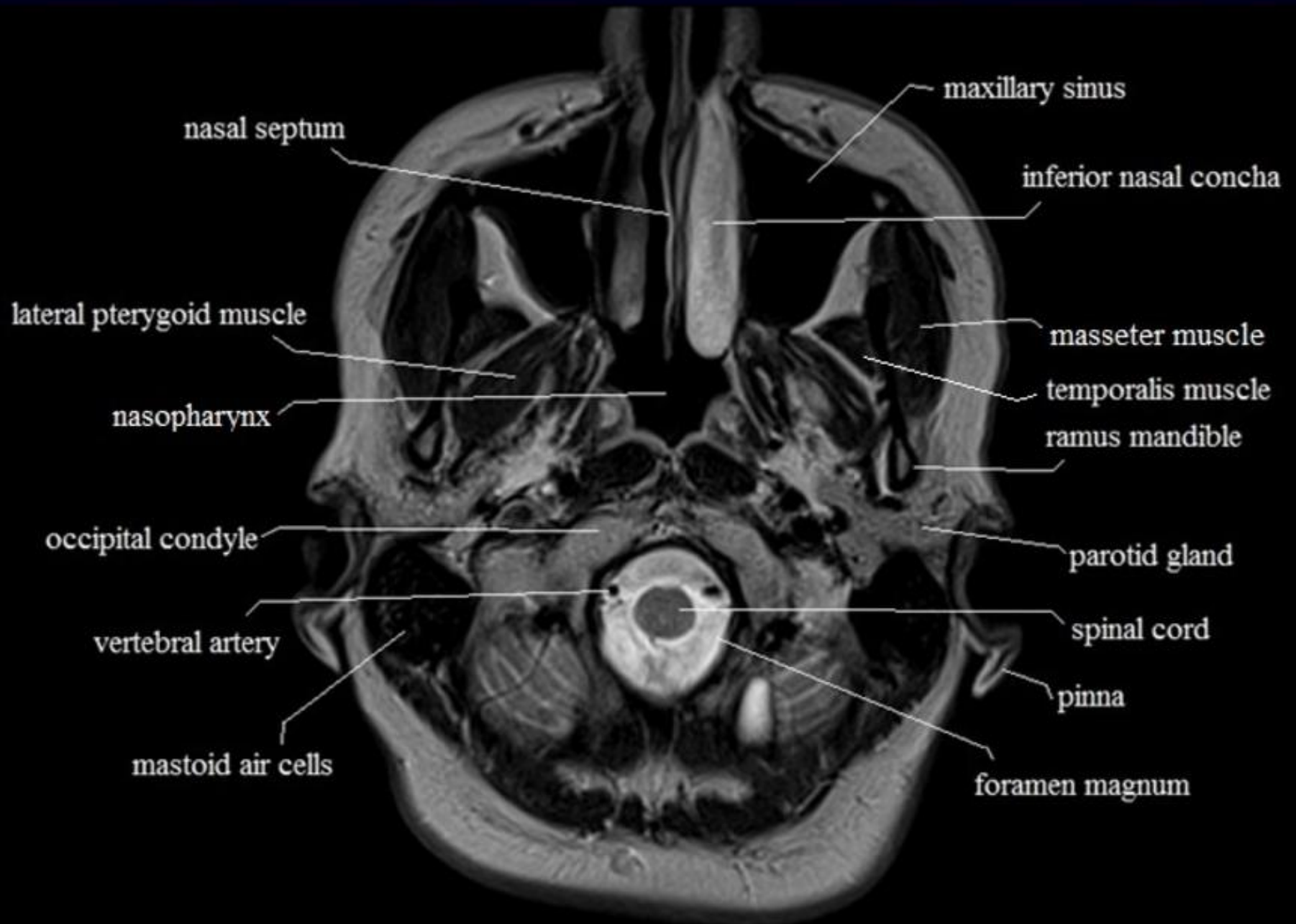


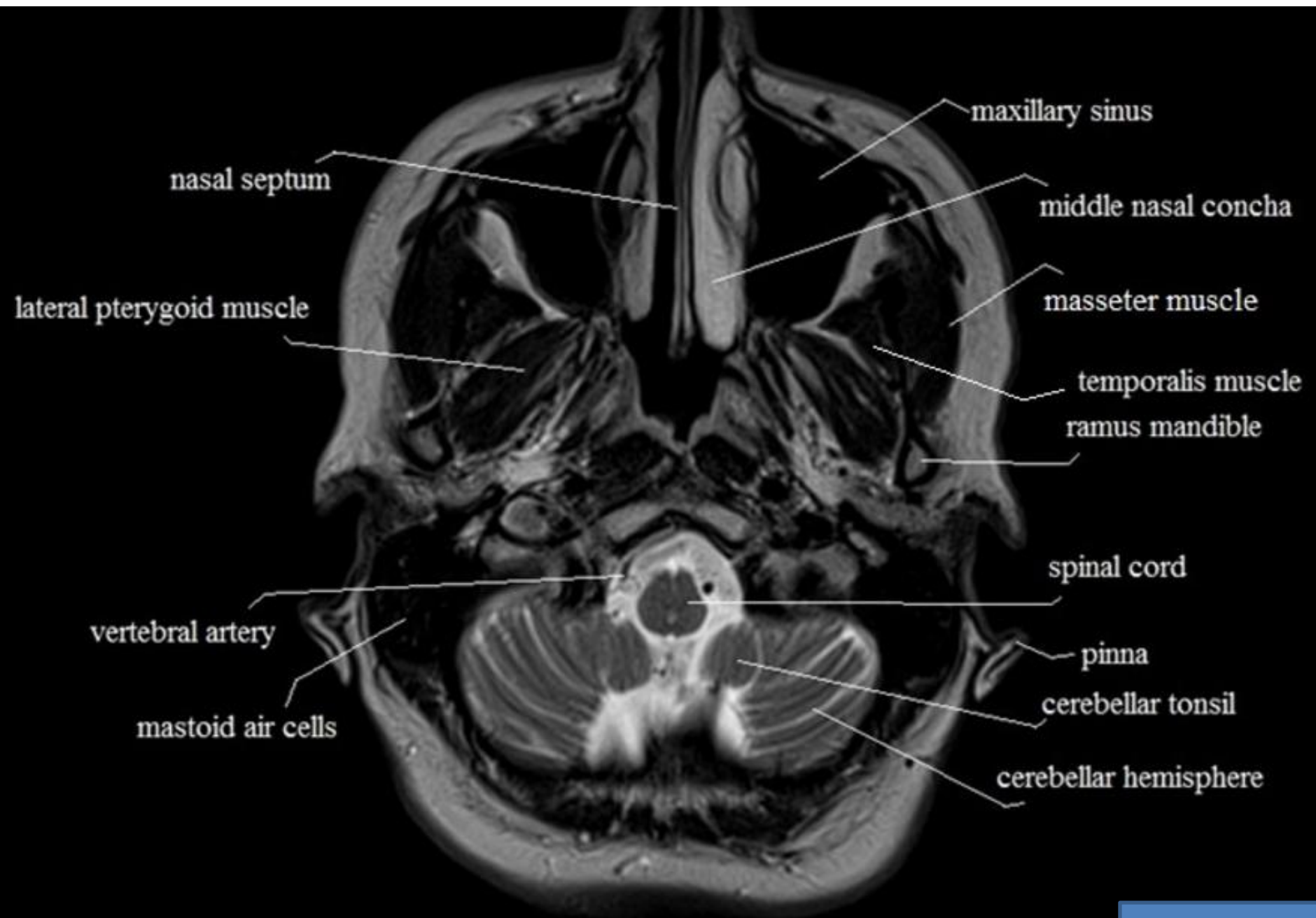


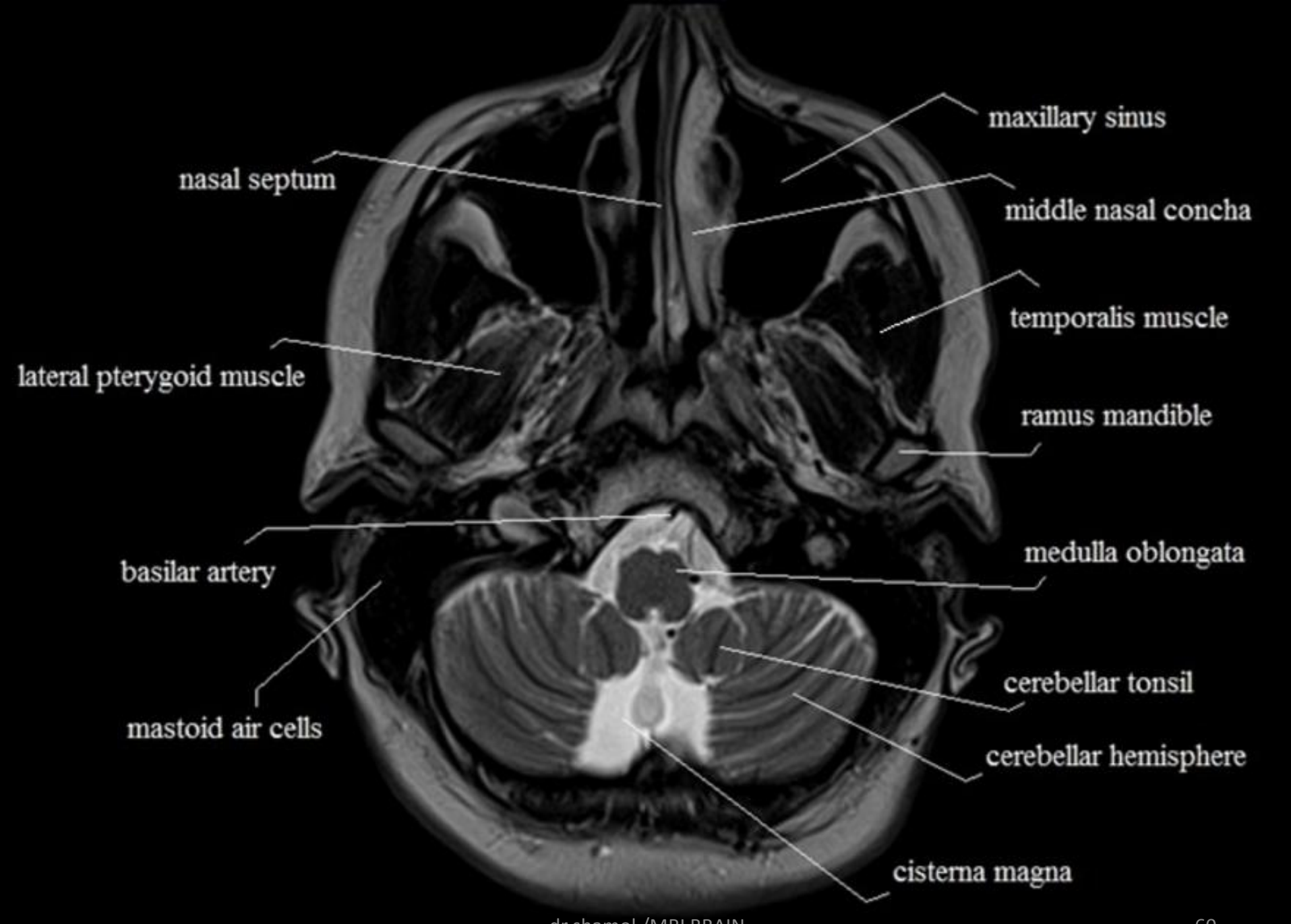
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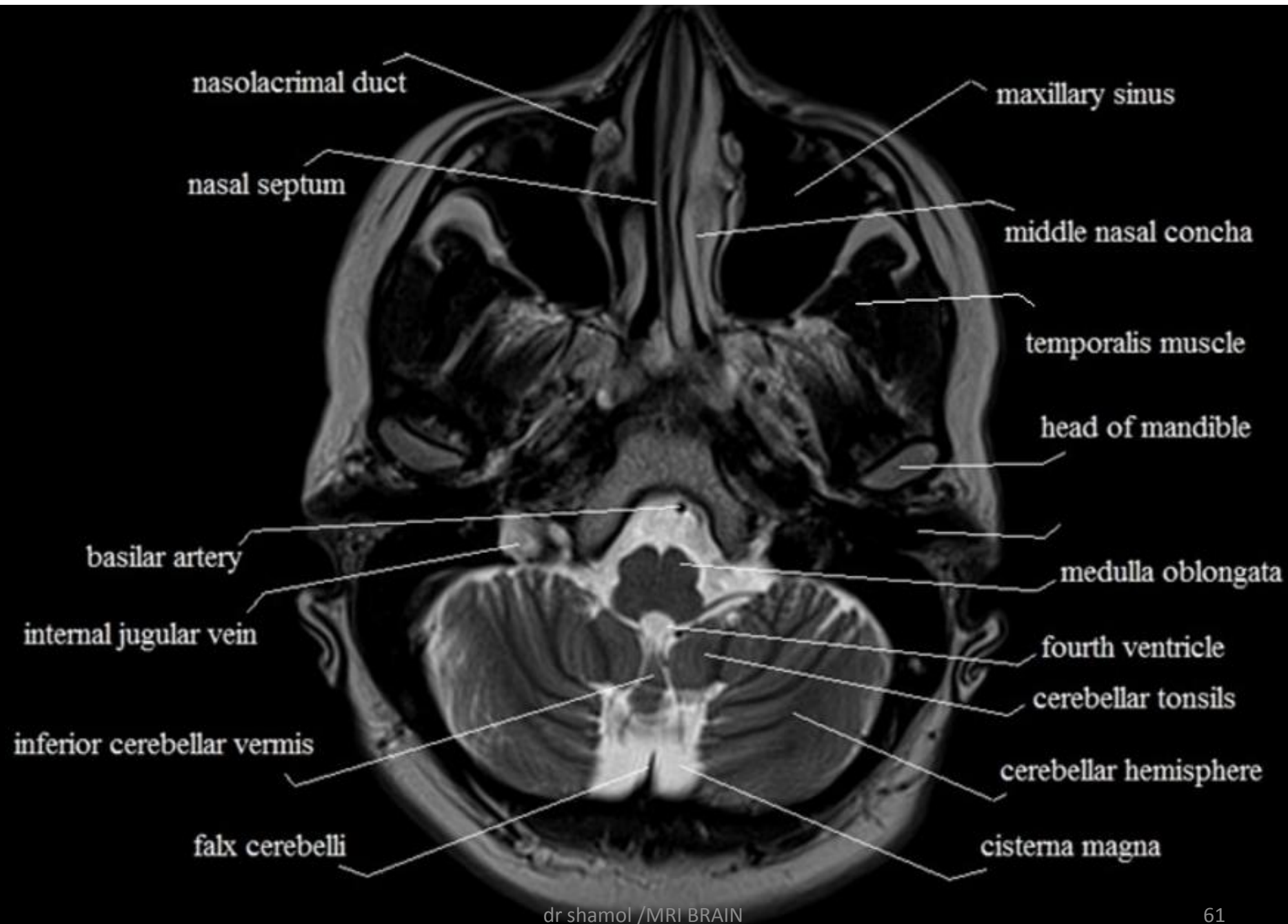
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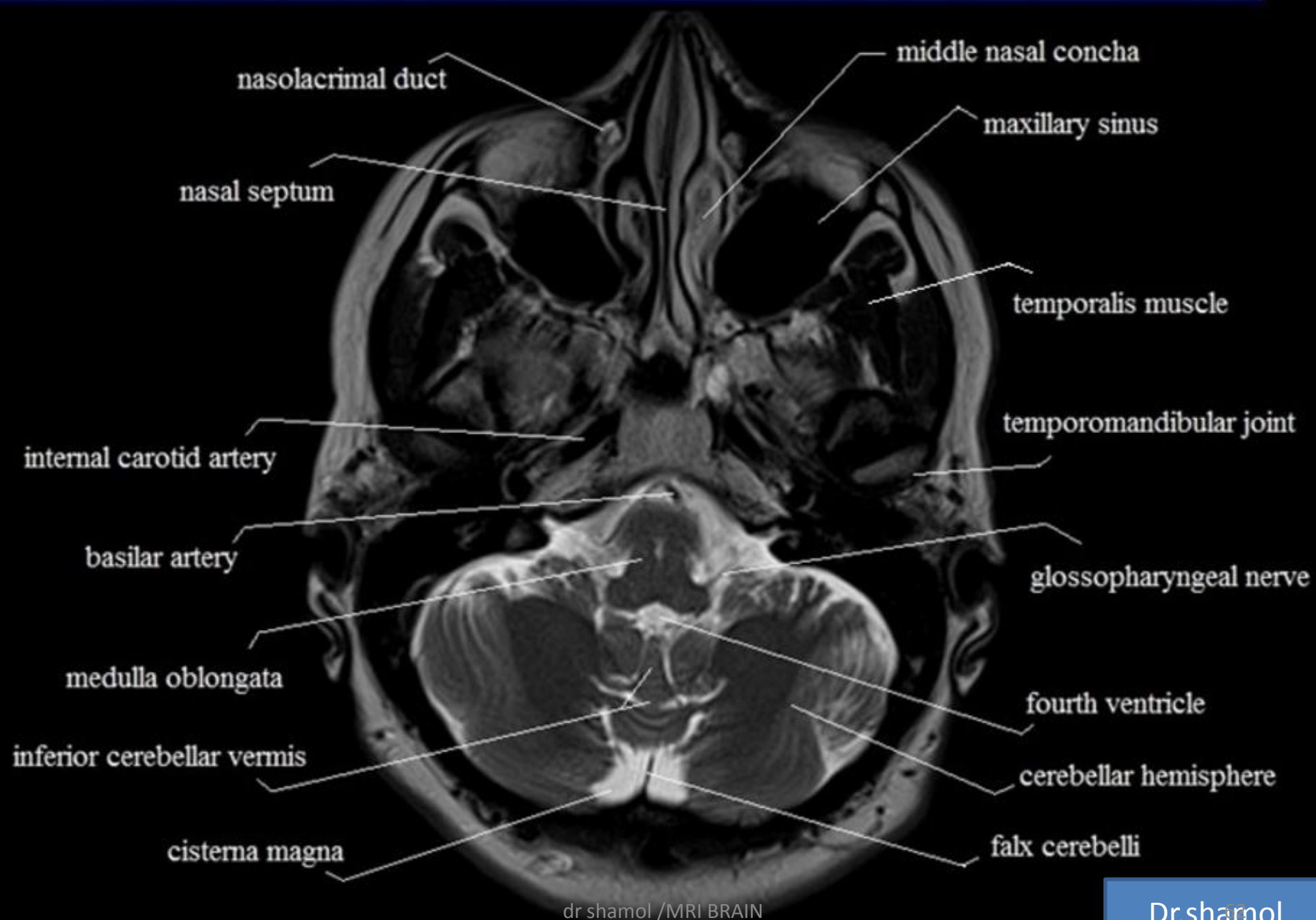
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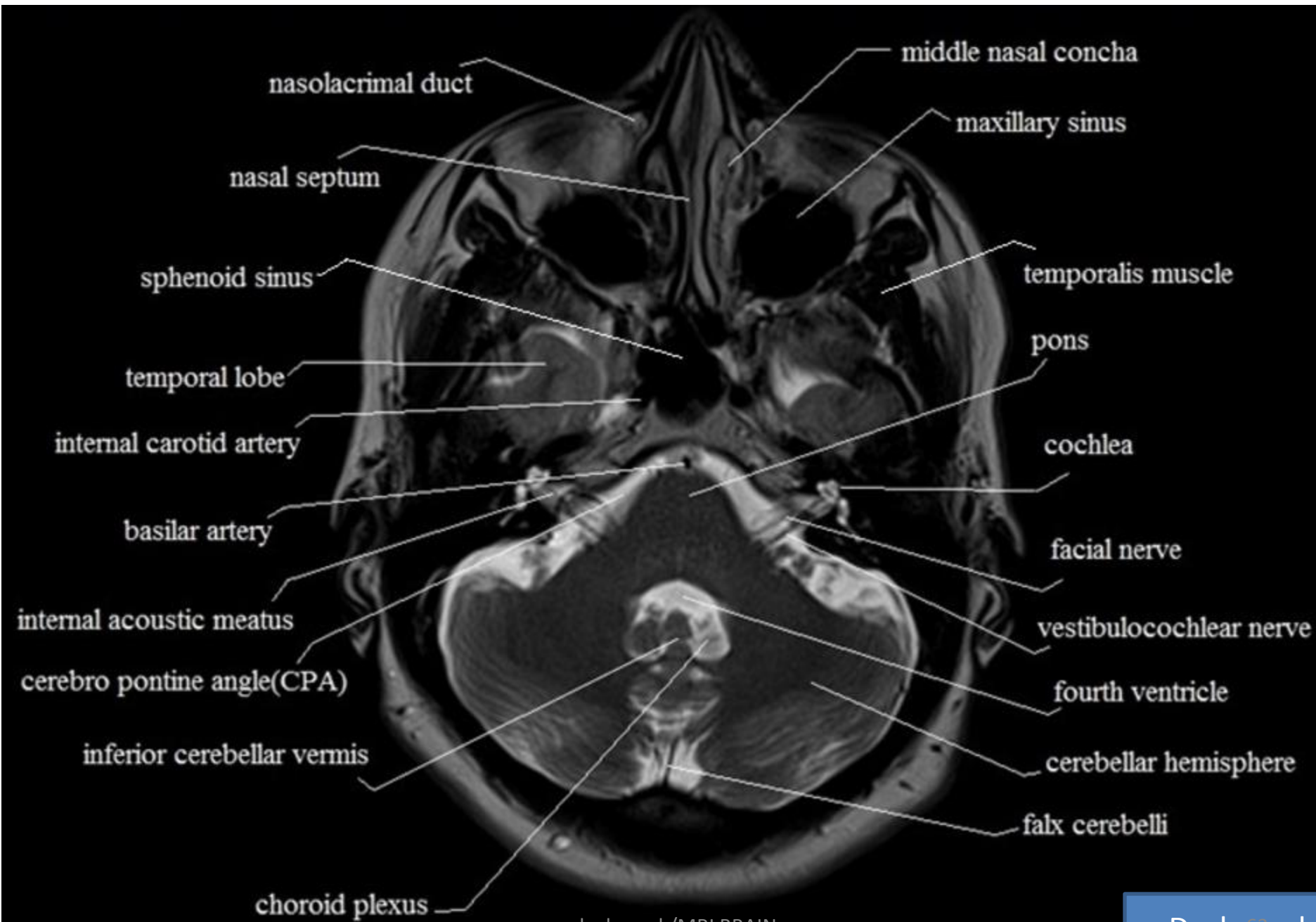


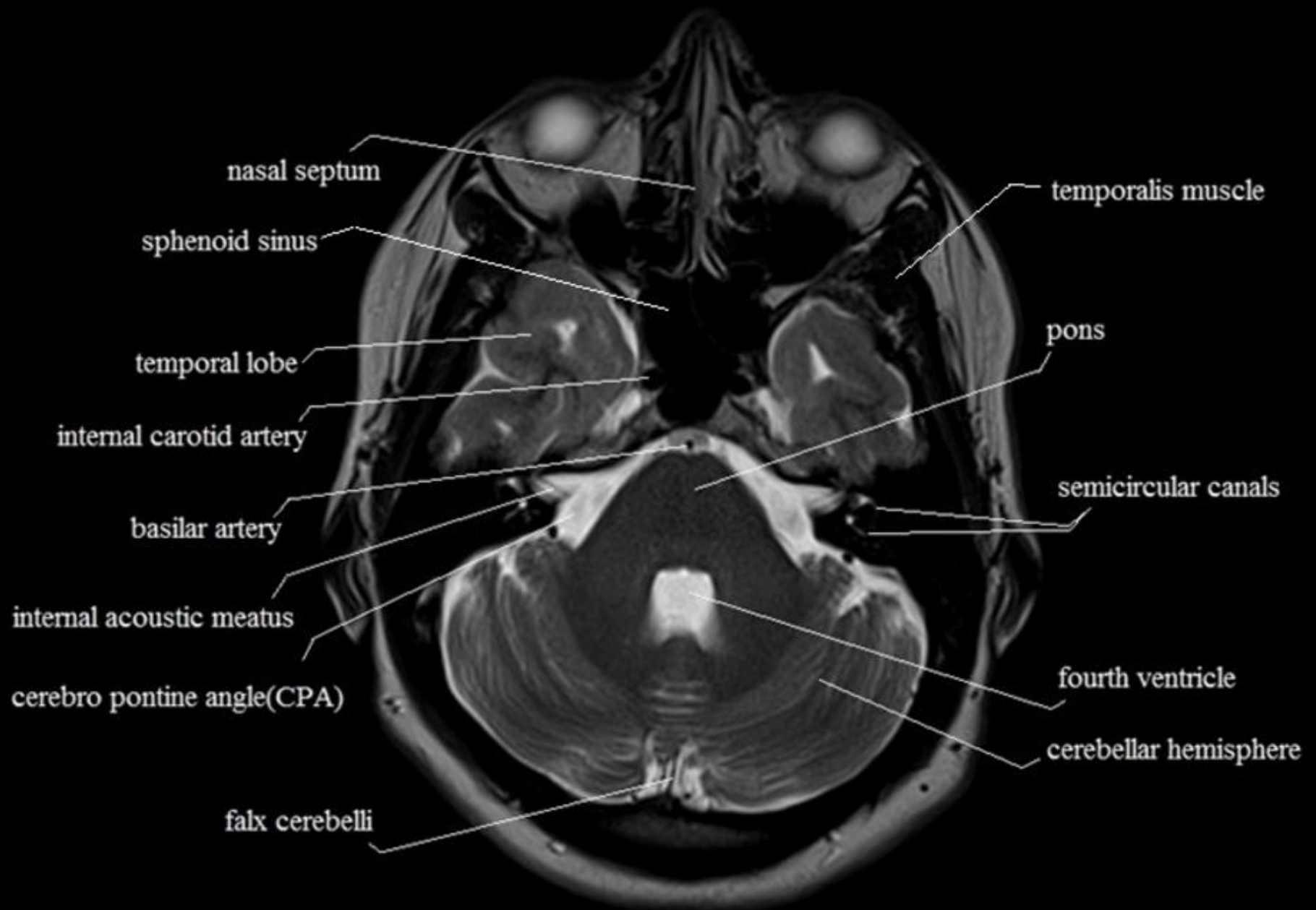


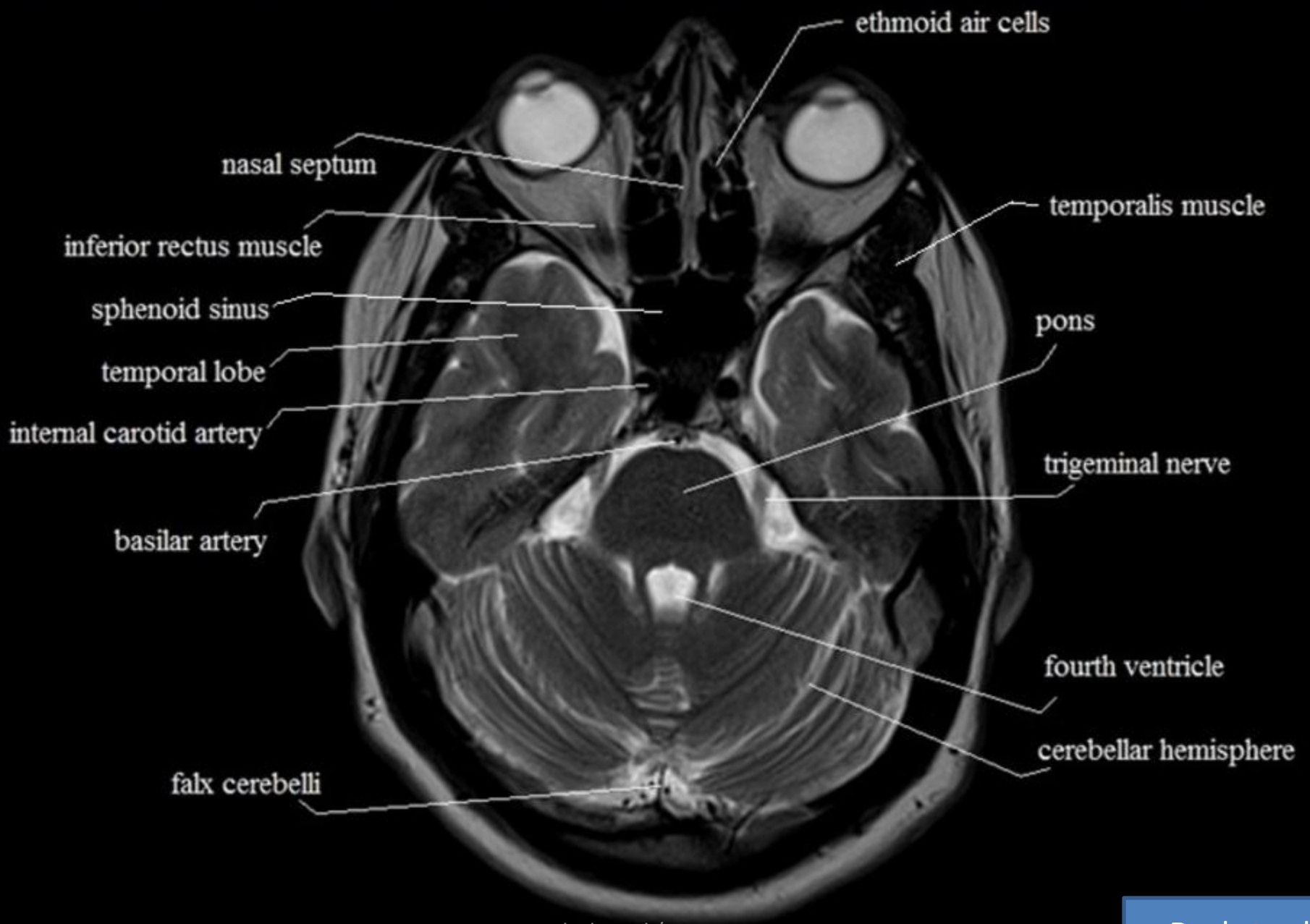


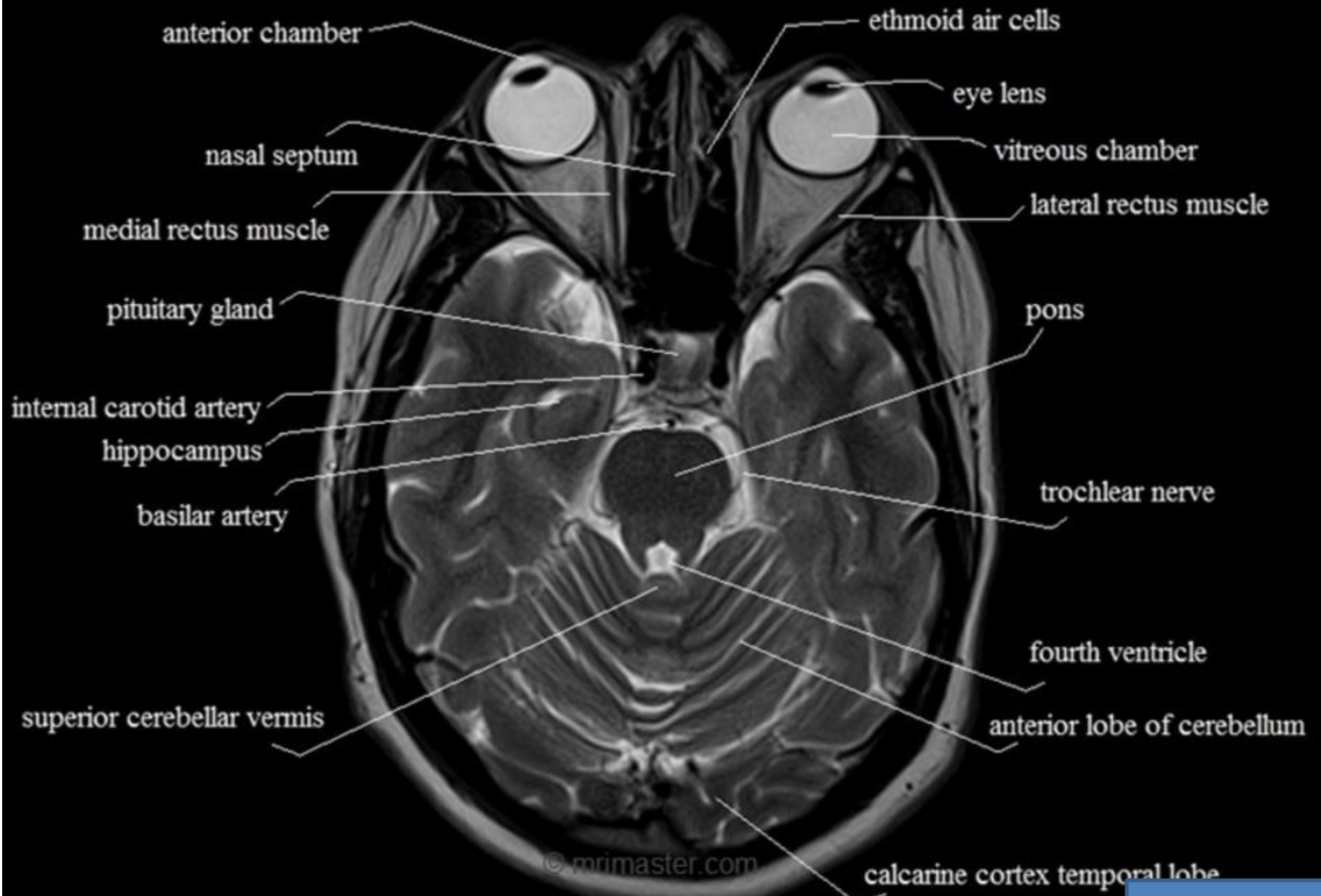


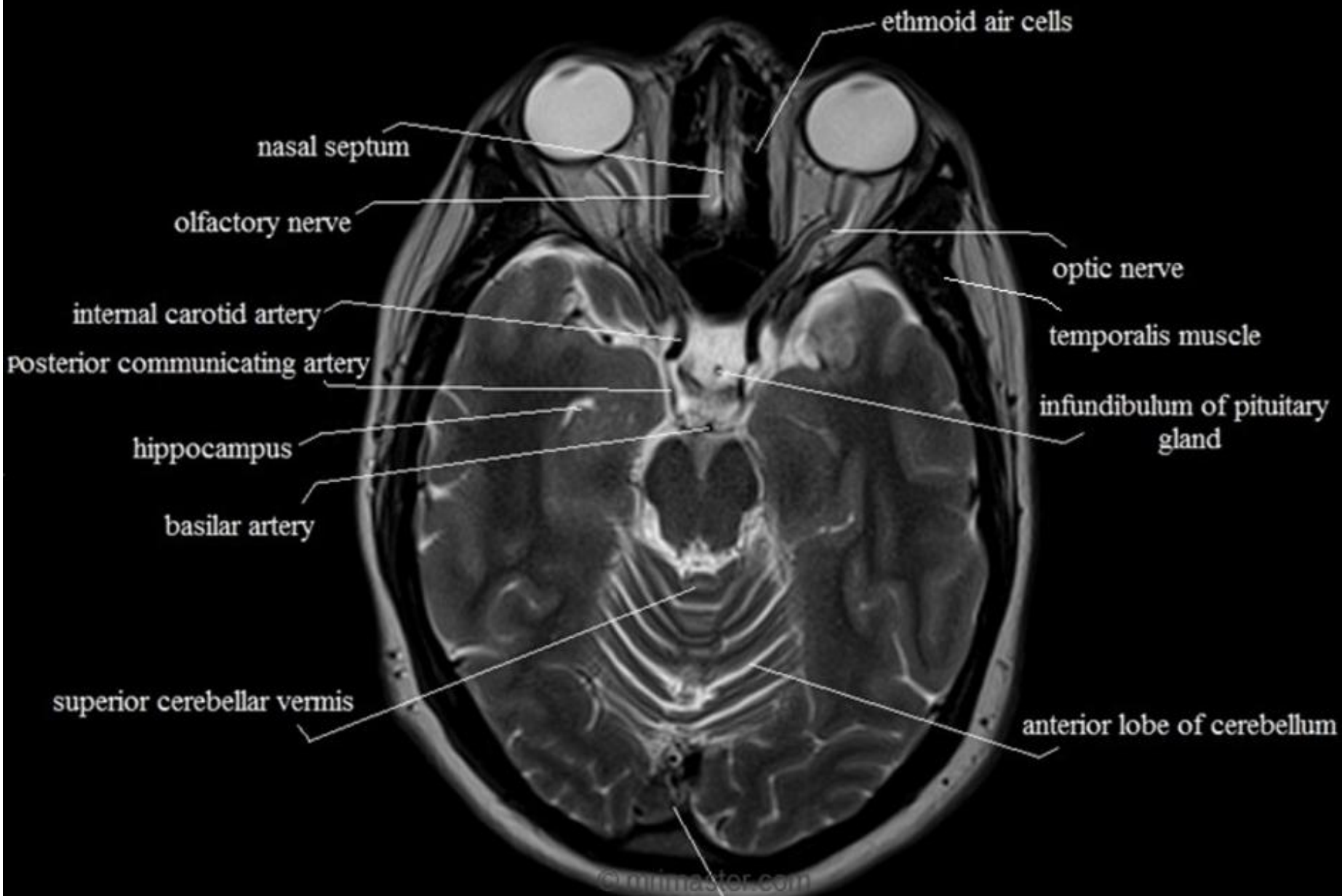


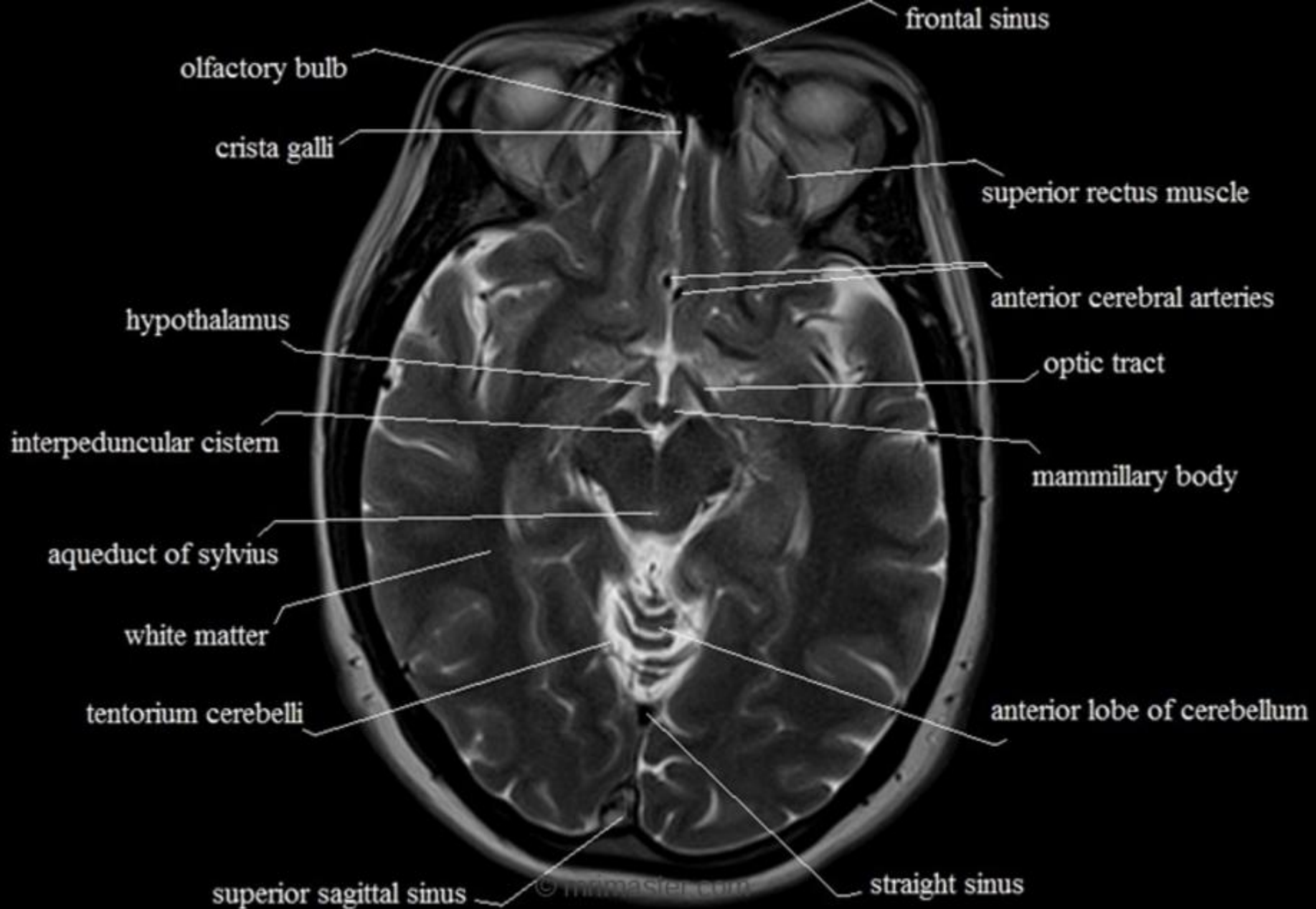


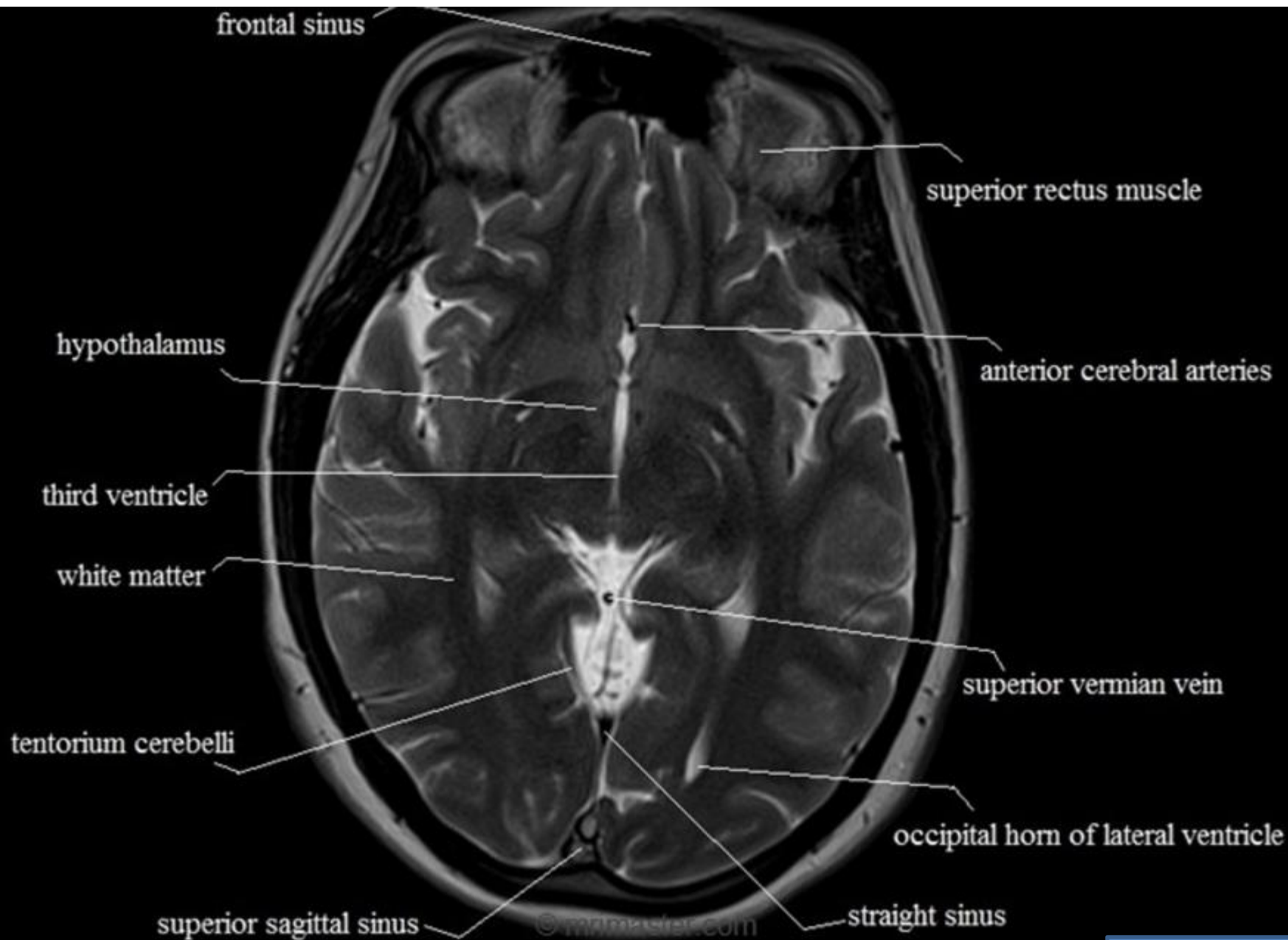


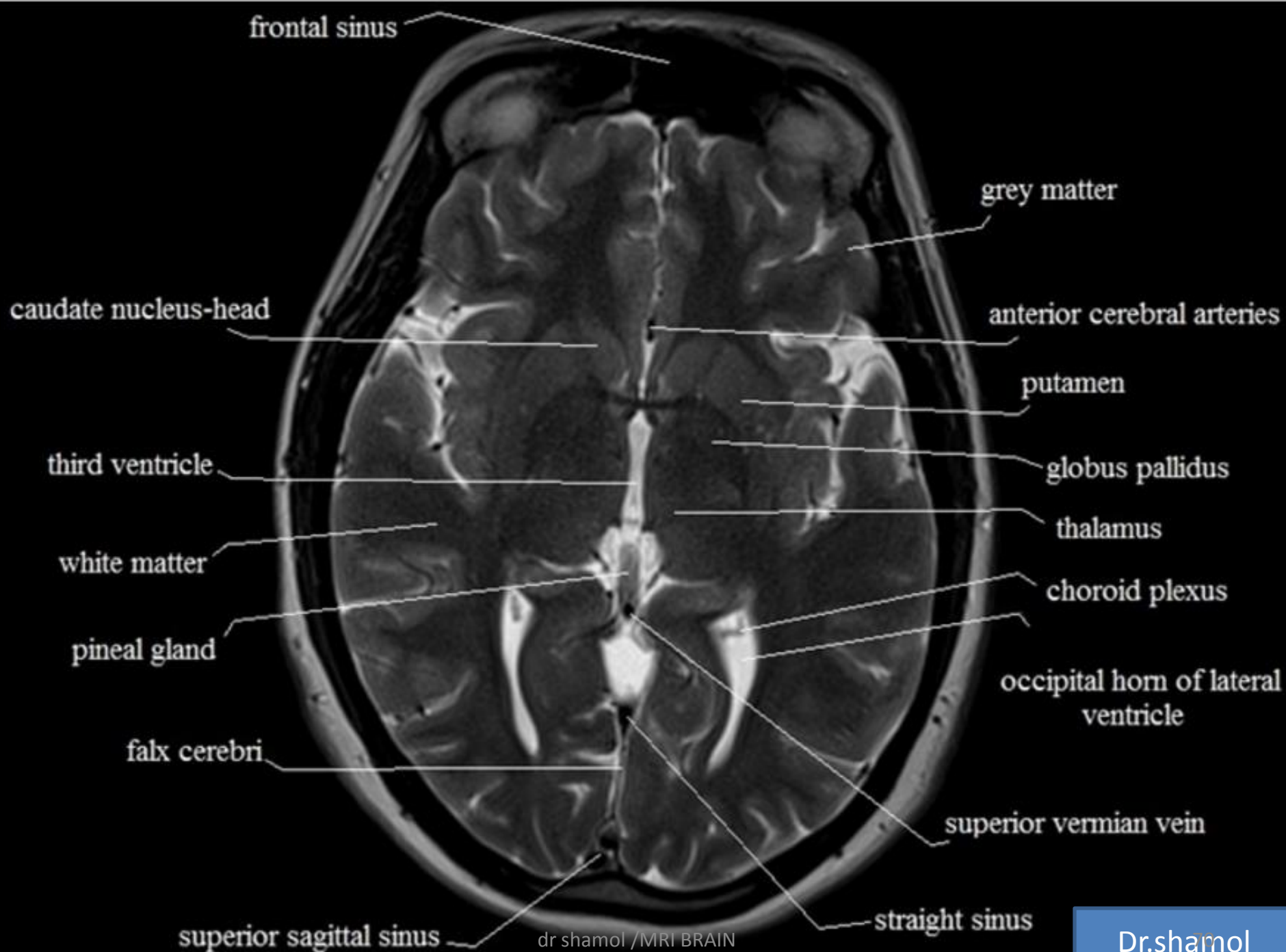


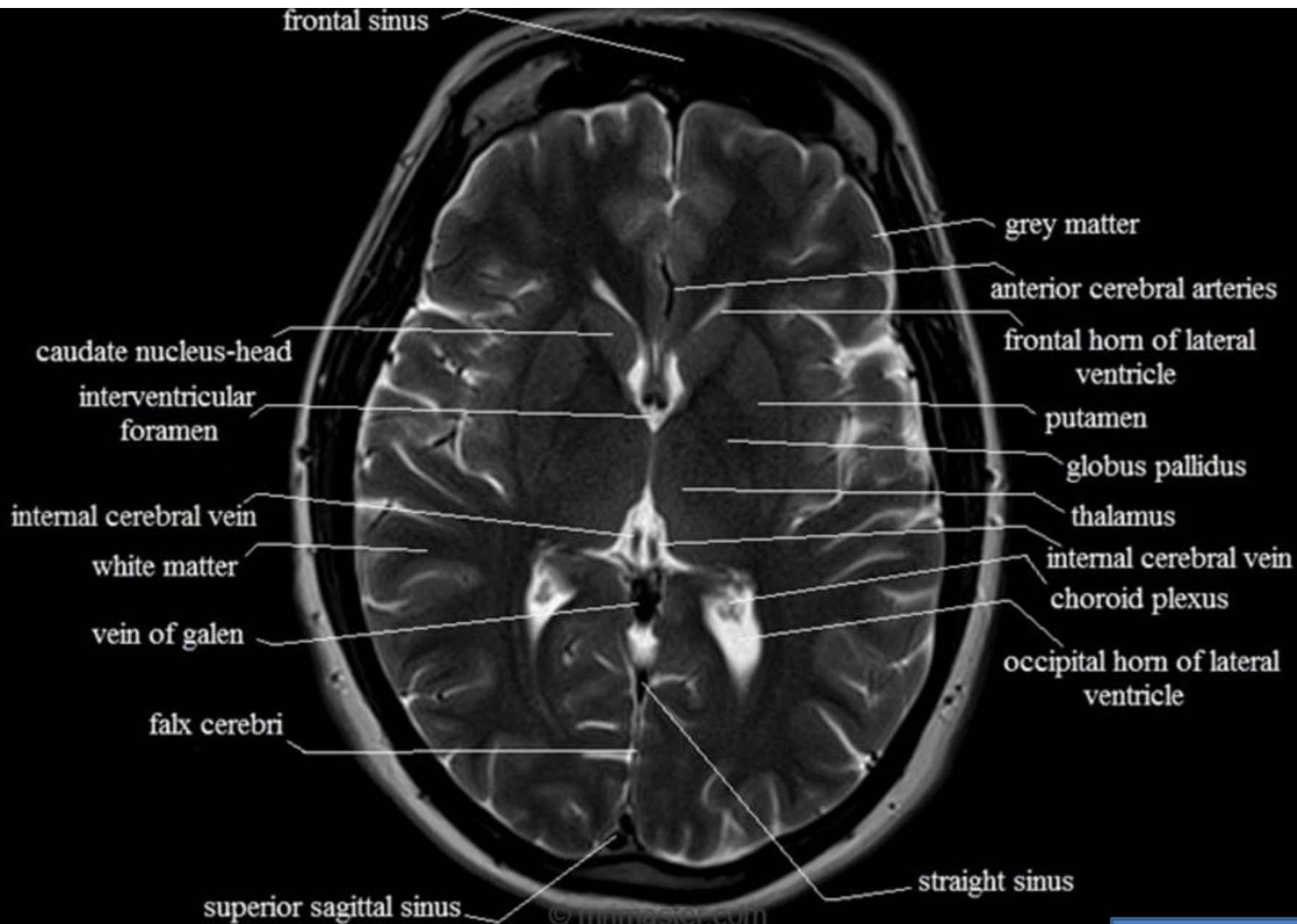








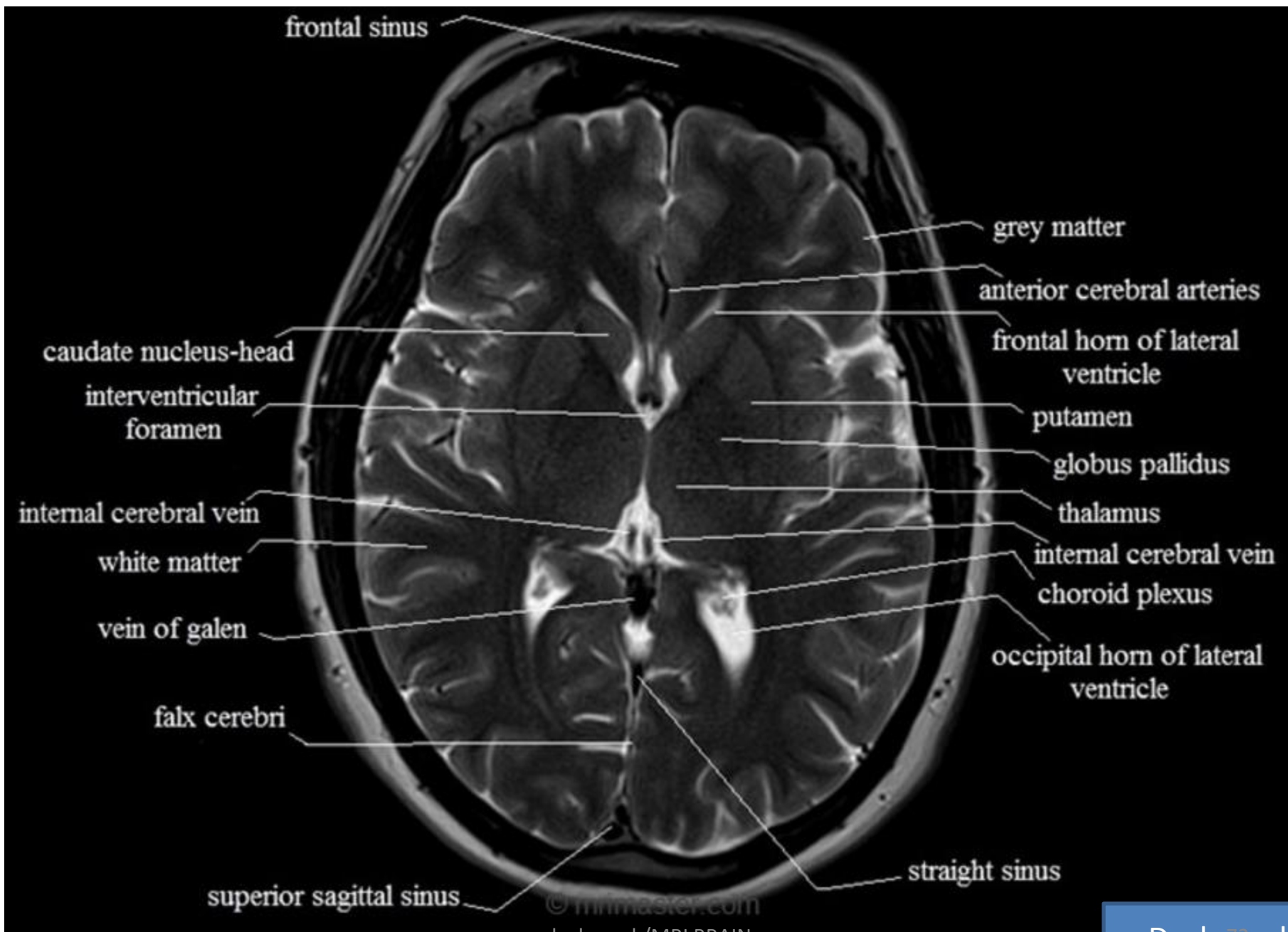


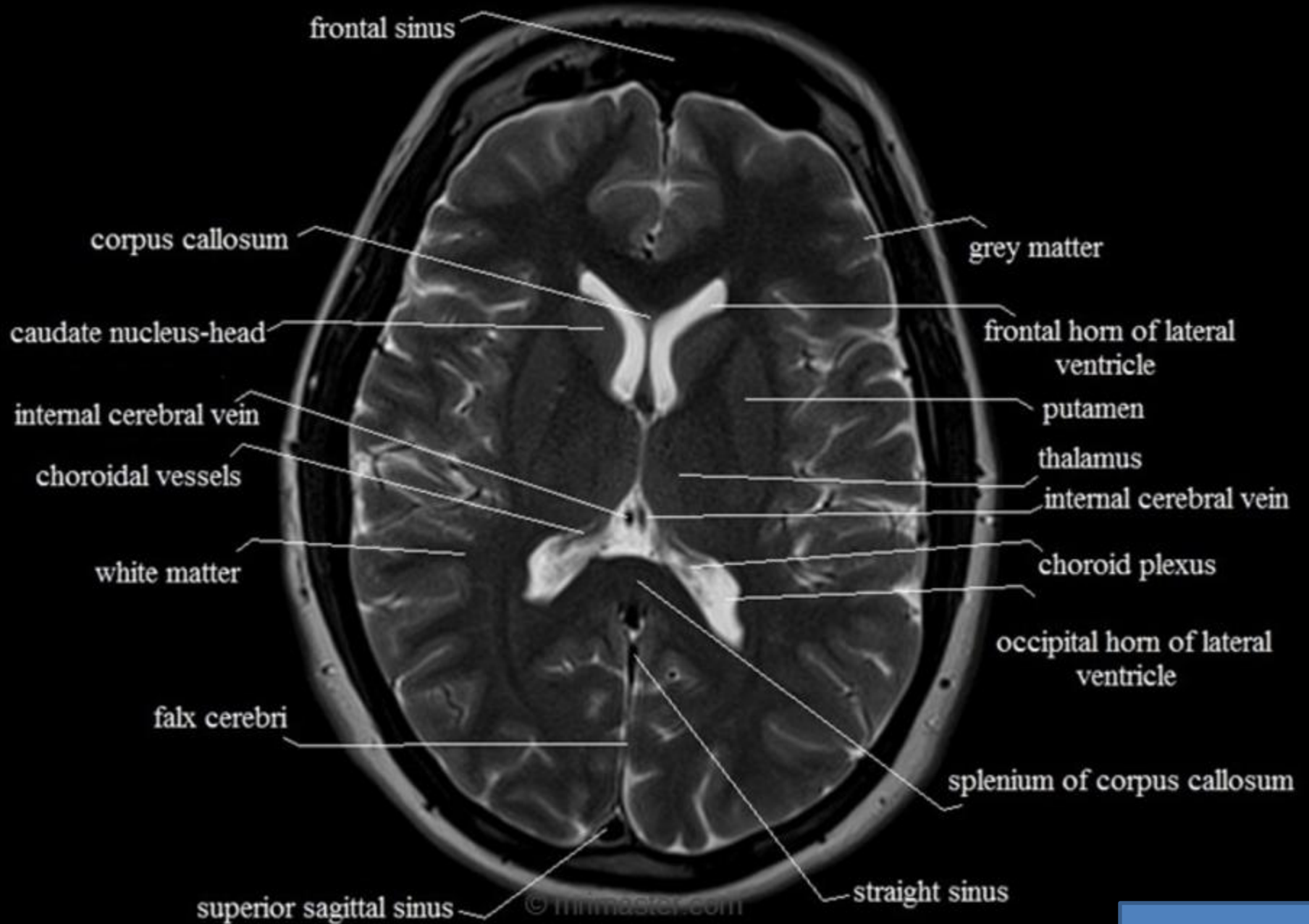


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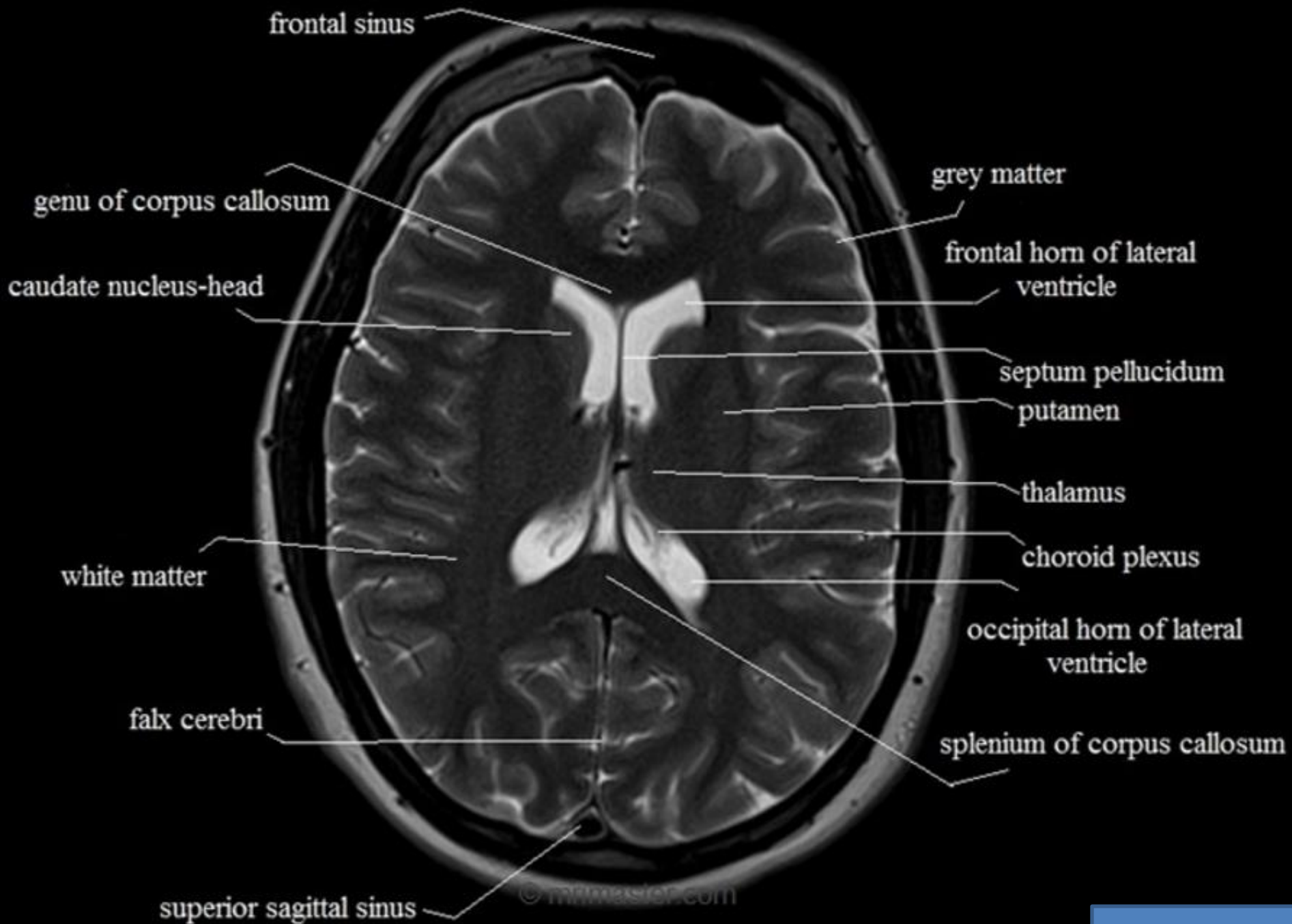
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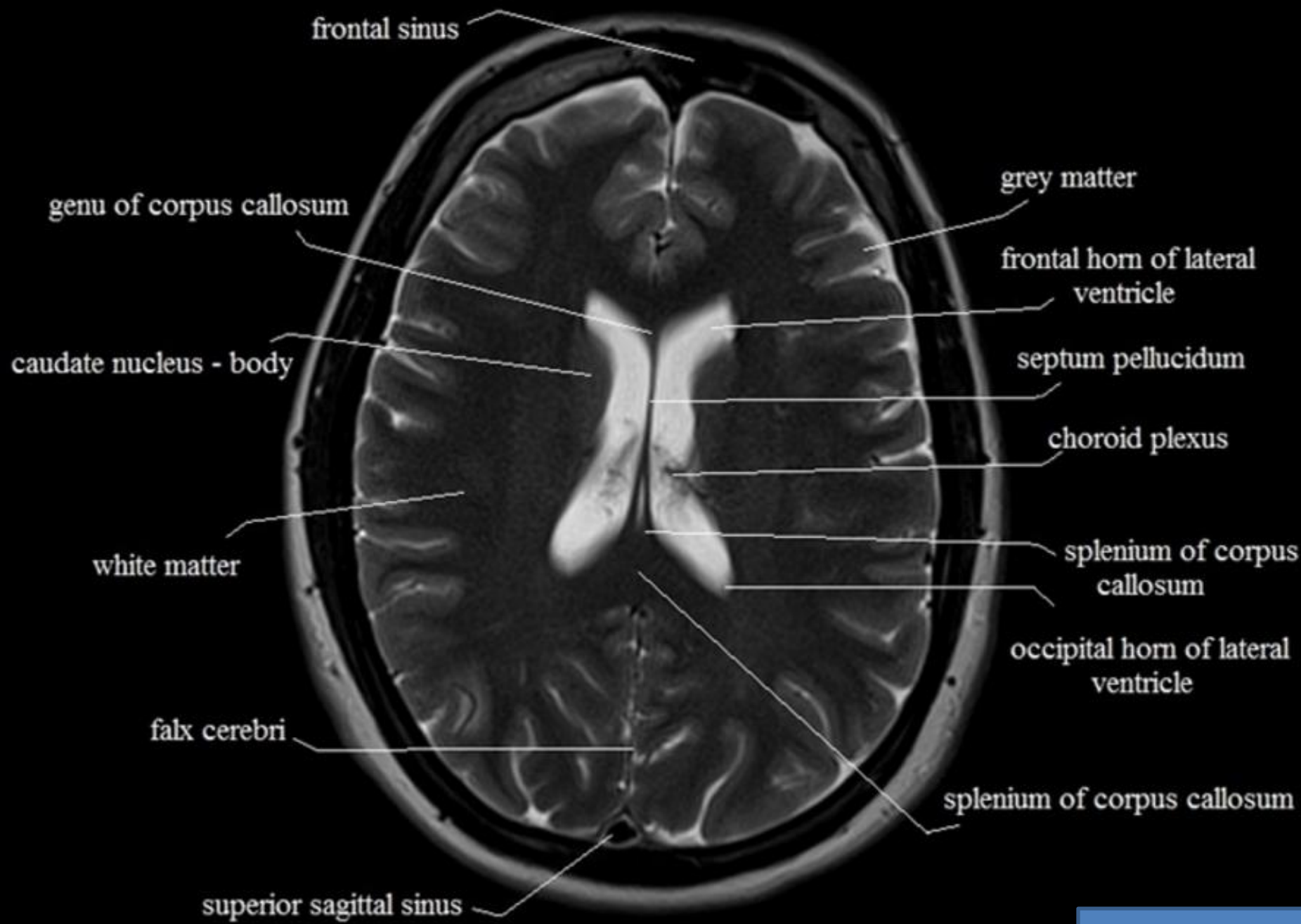
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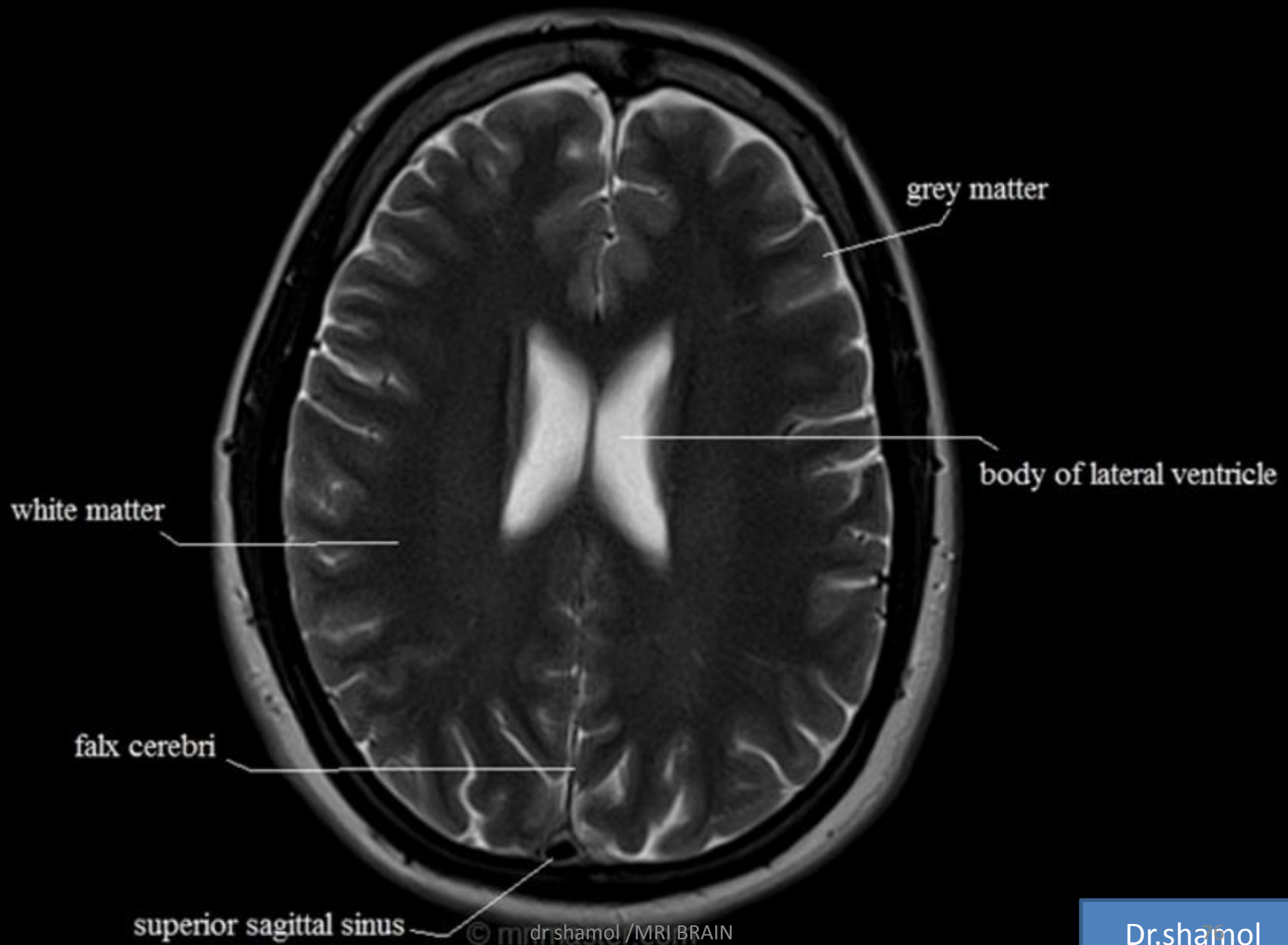


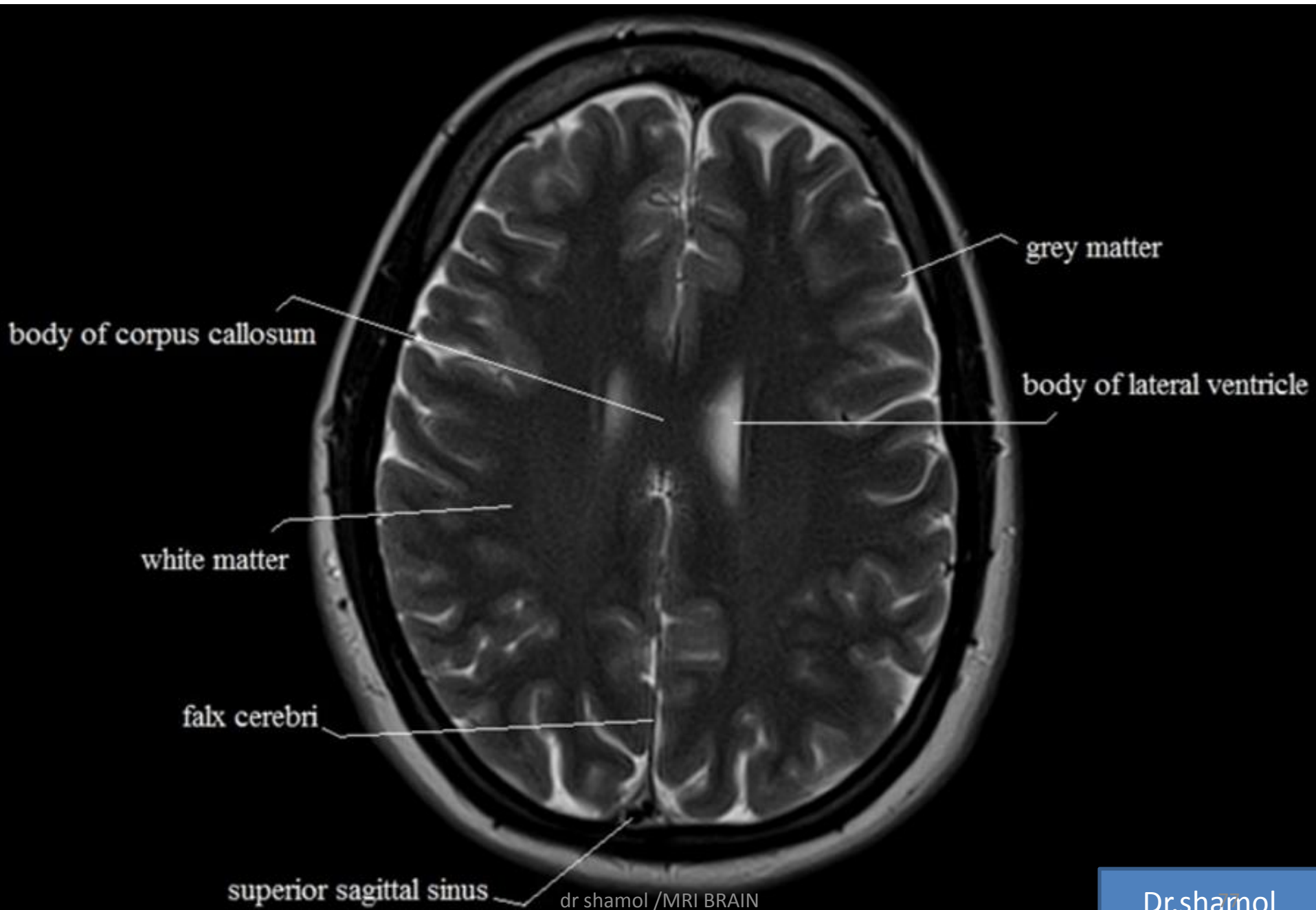


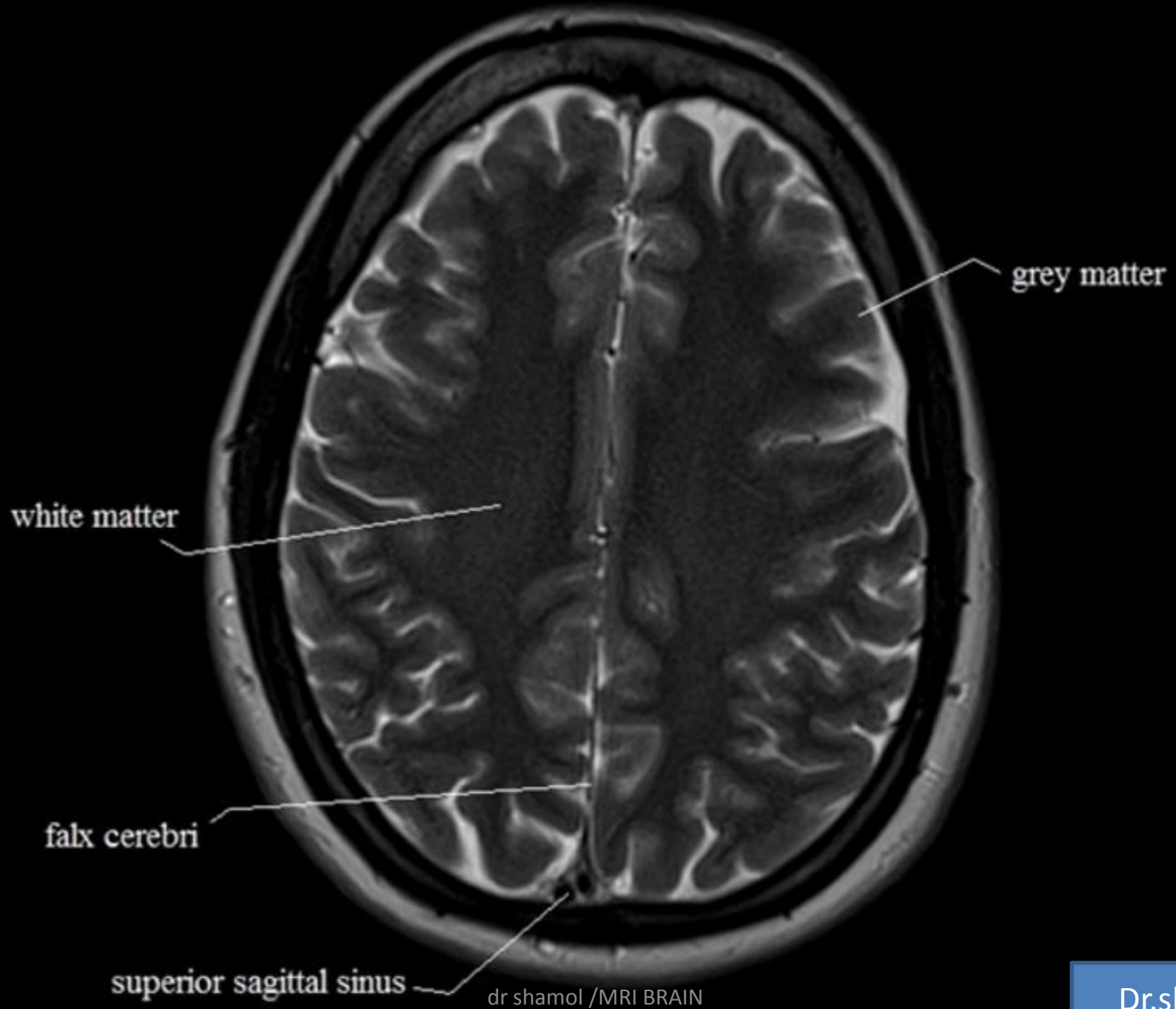
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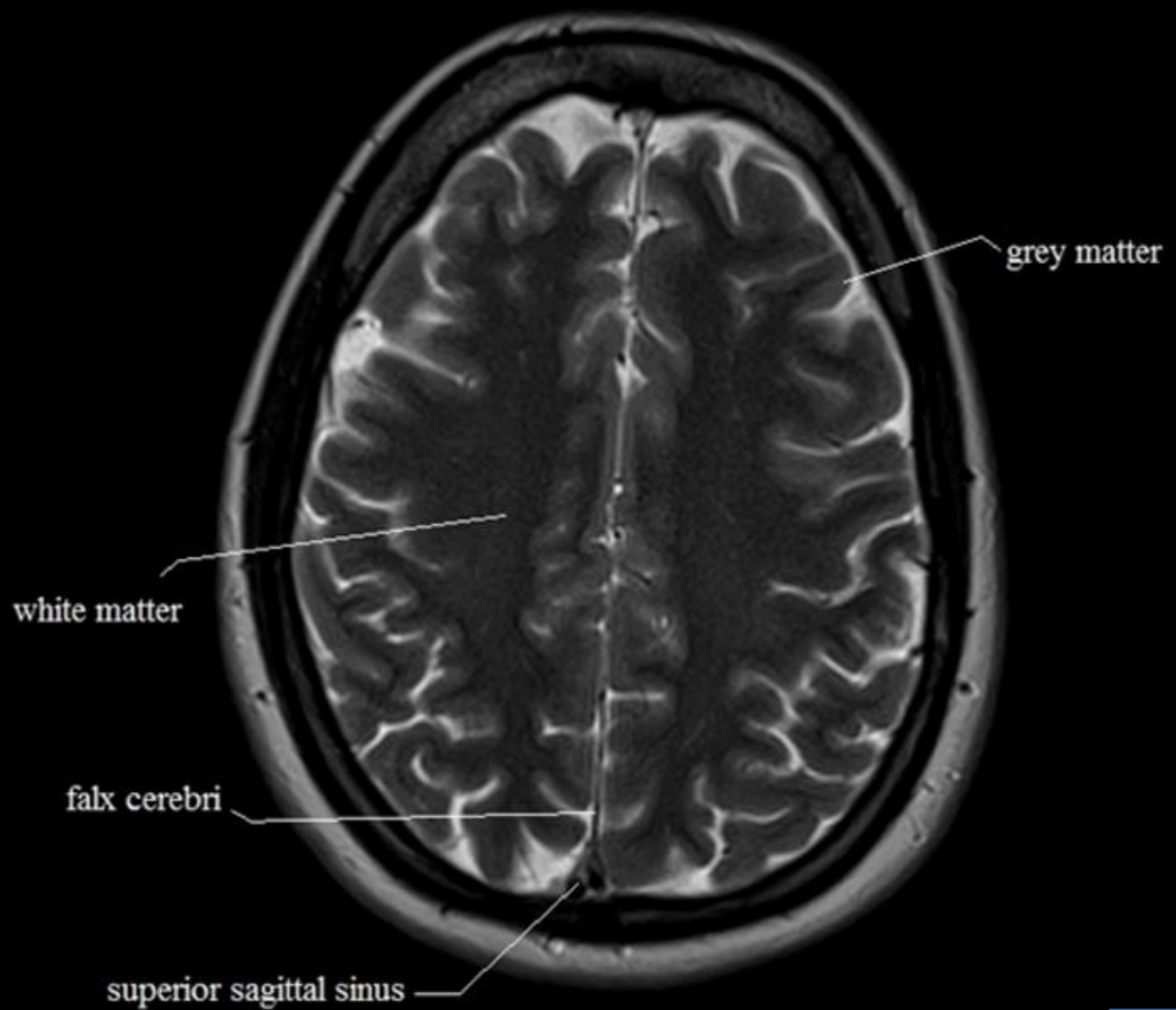












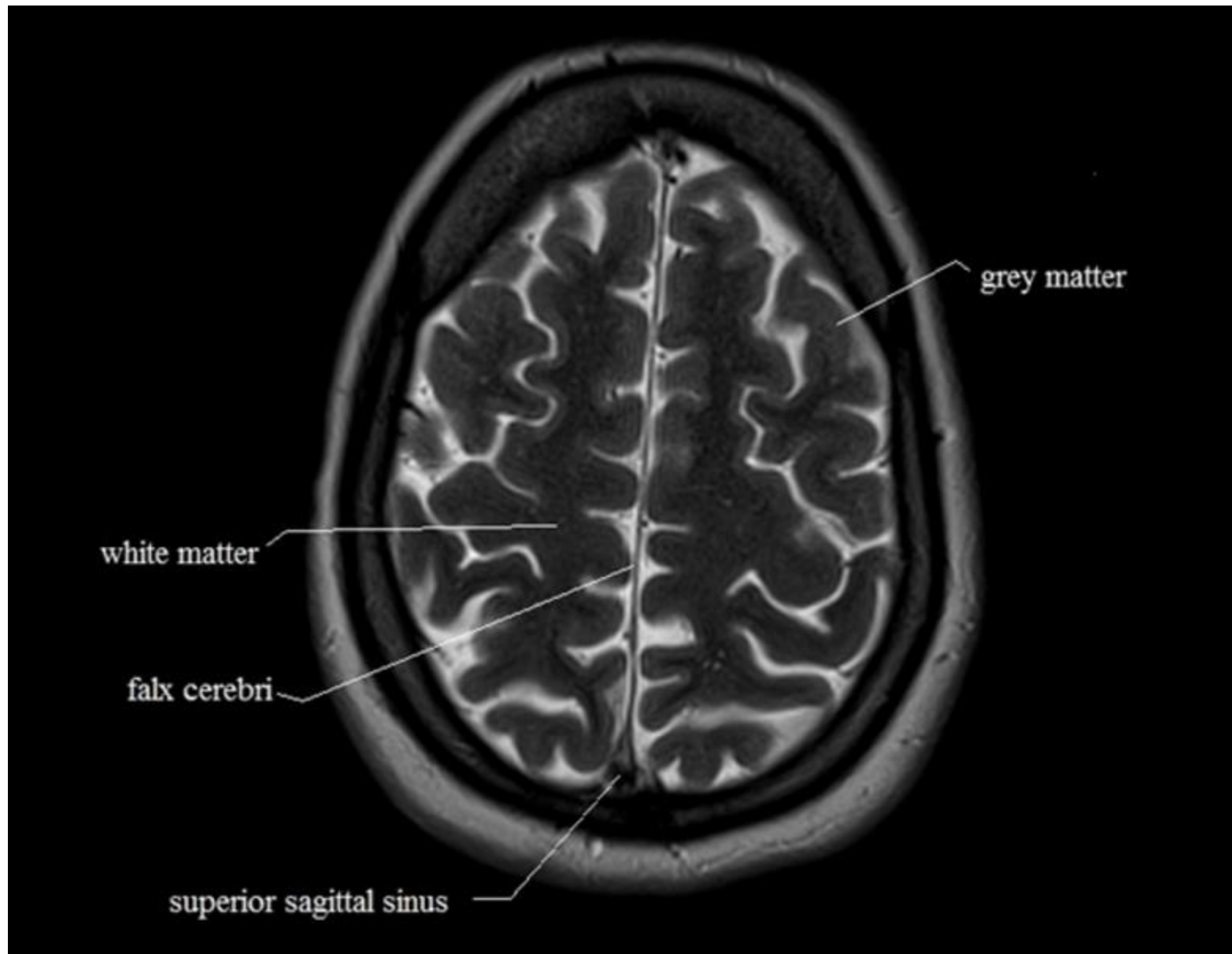
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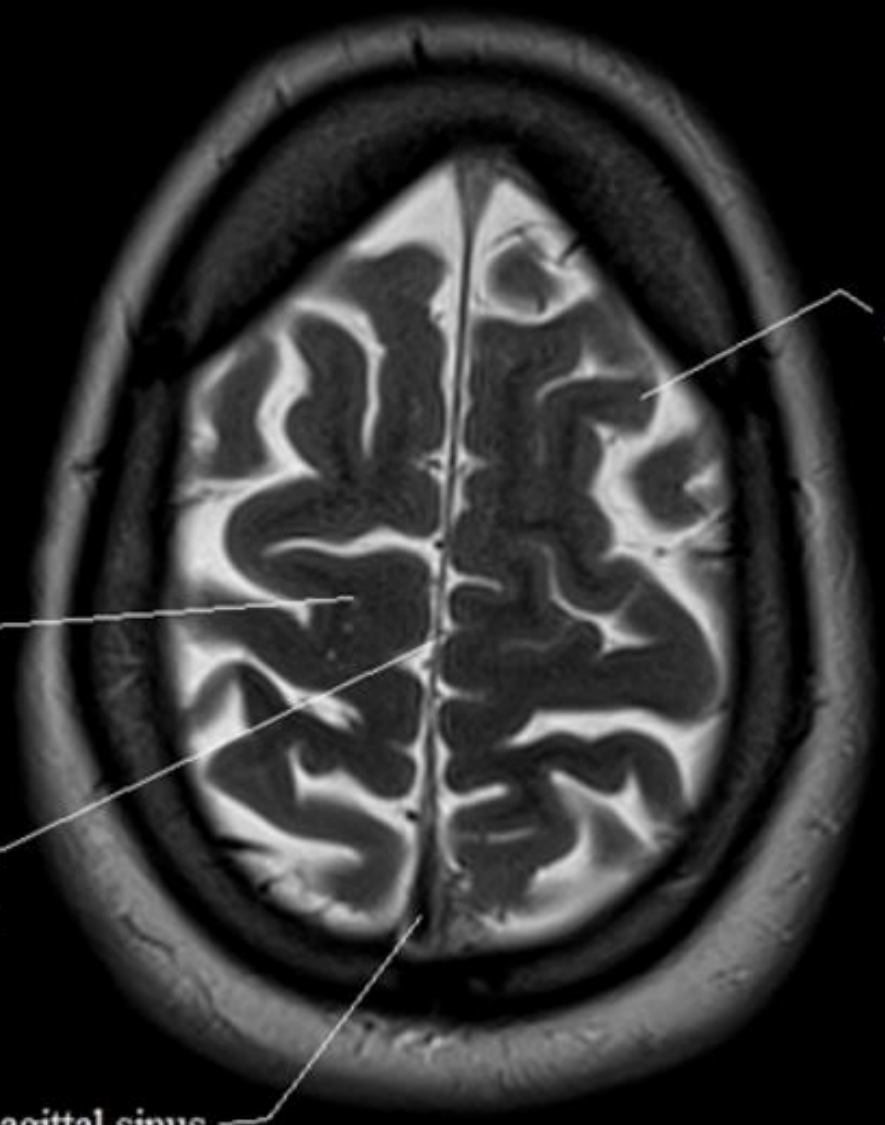
falx cerebri

superior sagittal sinus

grey matter

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An axial T2-weighted MRI scan of the brain. The image shows the cerebral hemispheres with the falx cerebri visible in the center. The grey matter is the darker outer layer, and the white matter is the lighter inner layer. The superior sagittal sinus is visible as a dark line along the upper margin of the brain.

white matter

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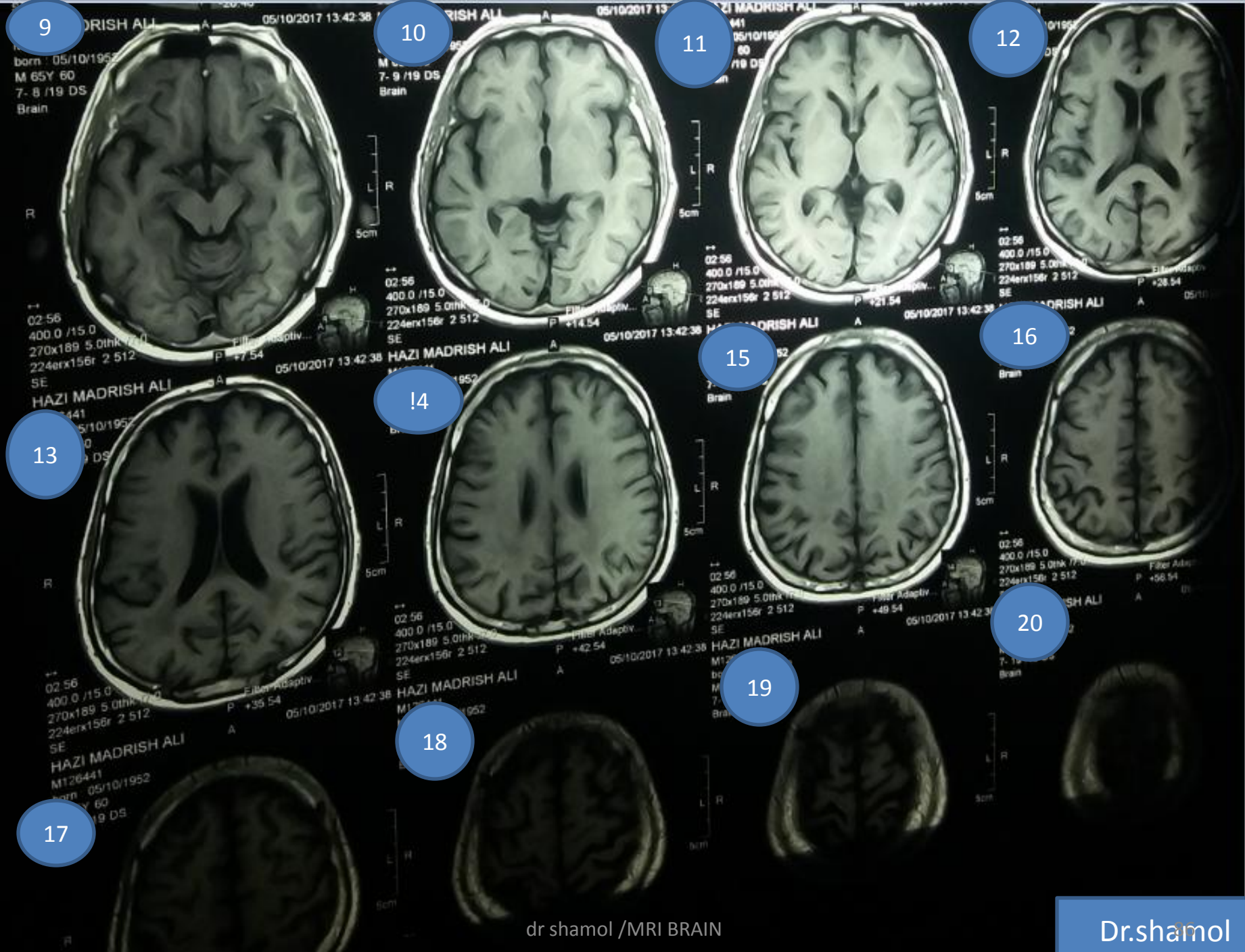
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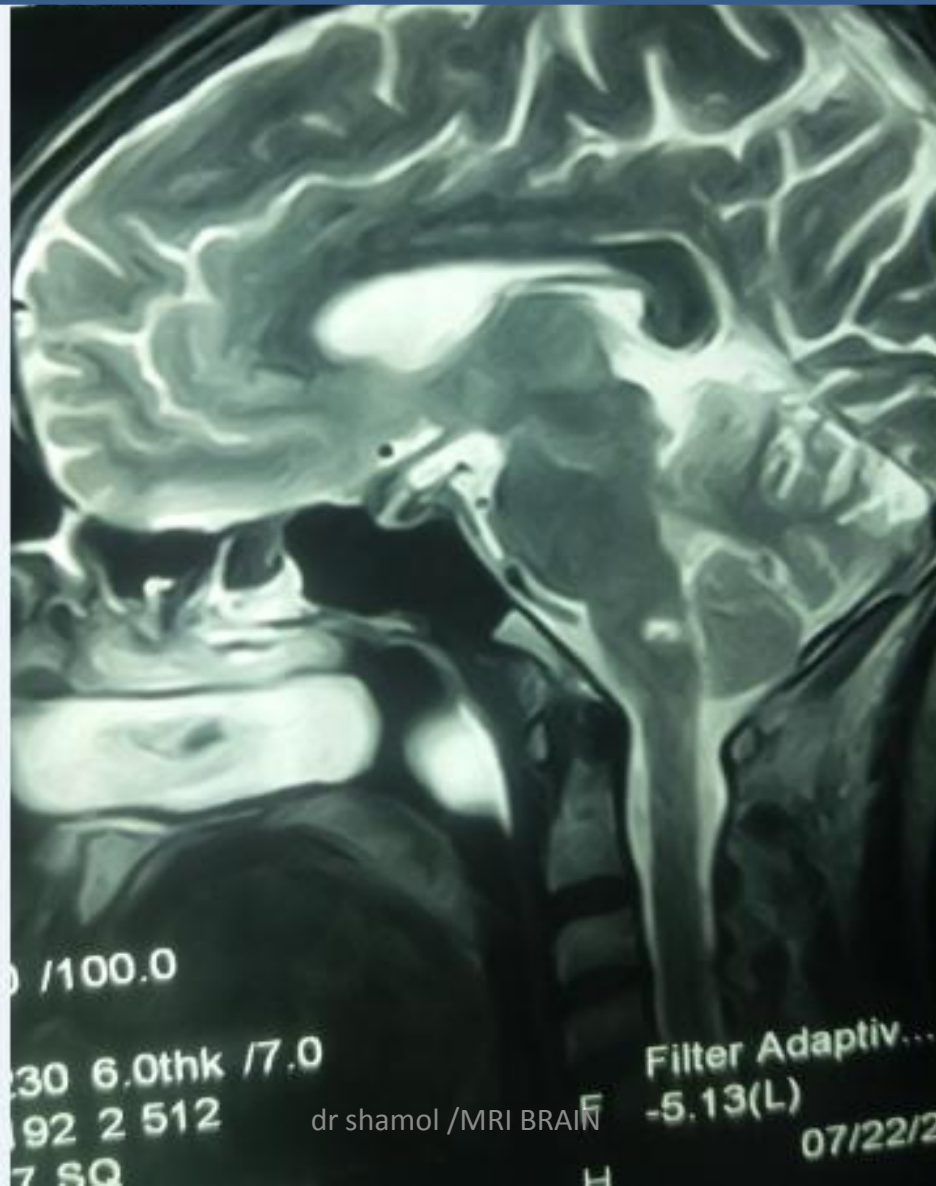
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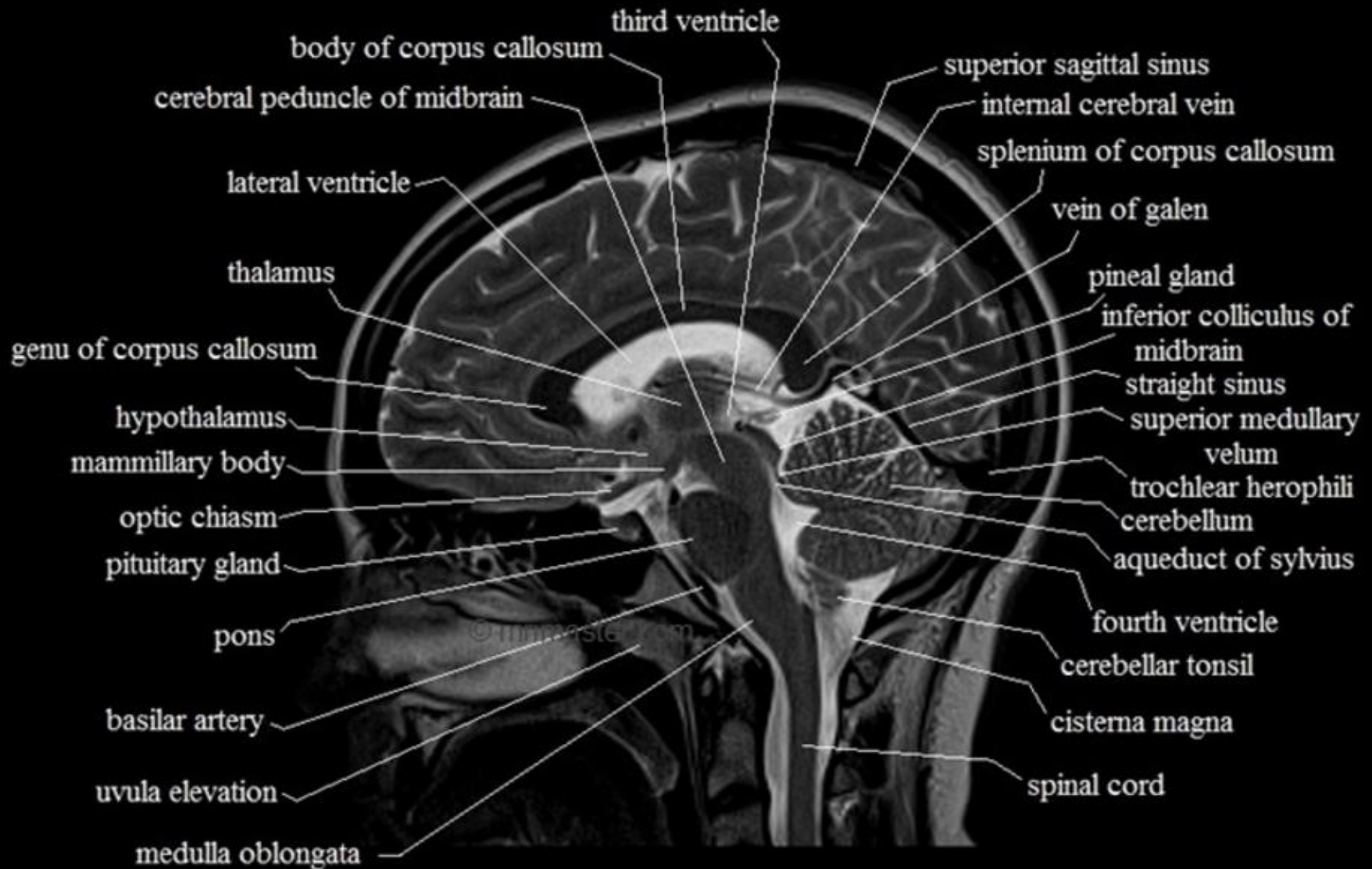
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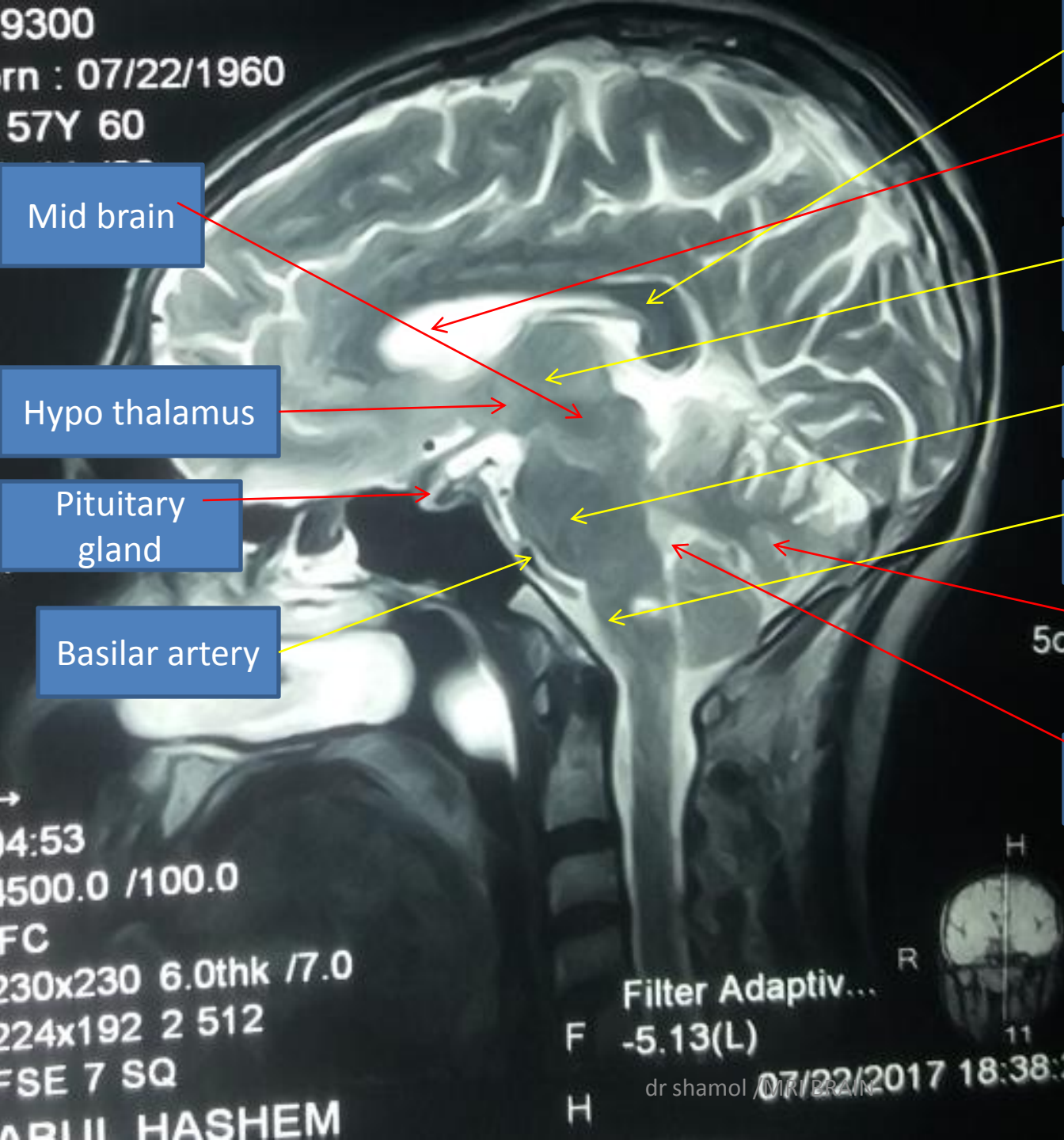
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Corpus callosum

Lateral ventricle

Thalamus

Pons

Medulla

Cerebellum

4th ventricle

Mid brain

Hypo thalamus

Pituitary
gland

Basilar artery

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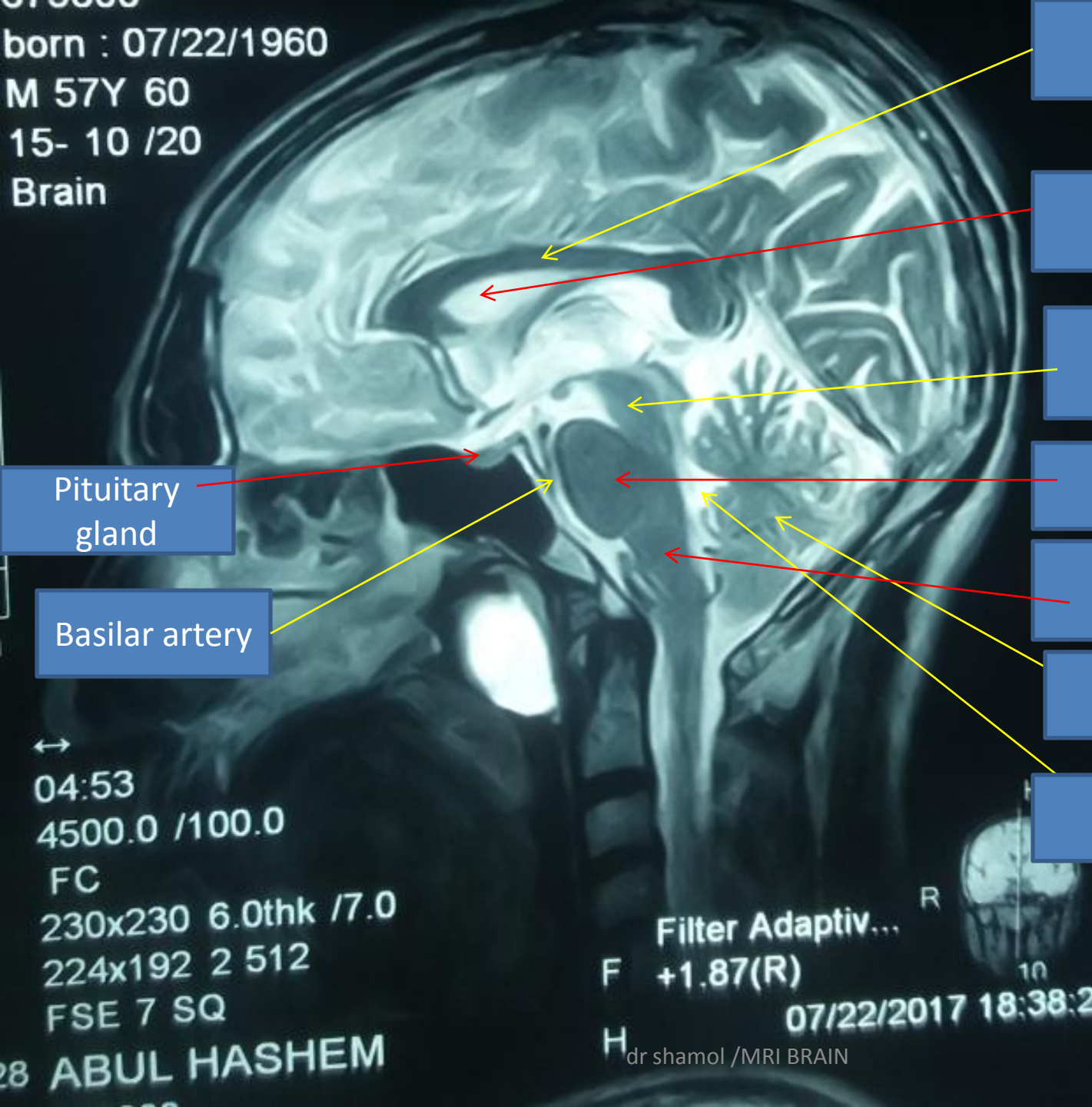
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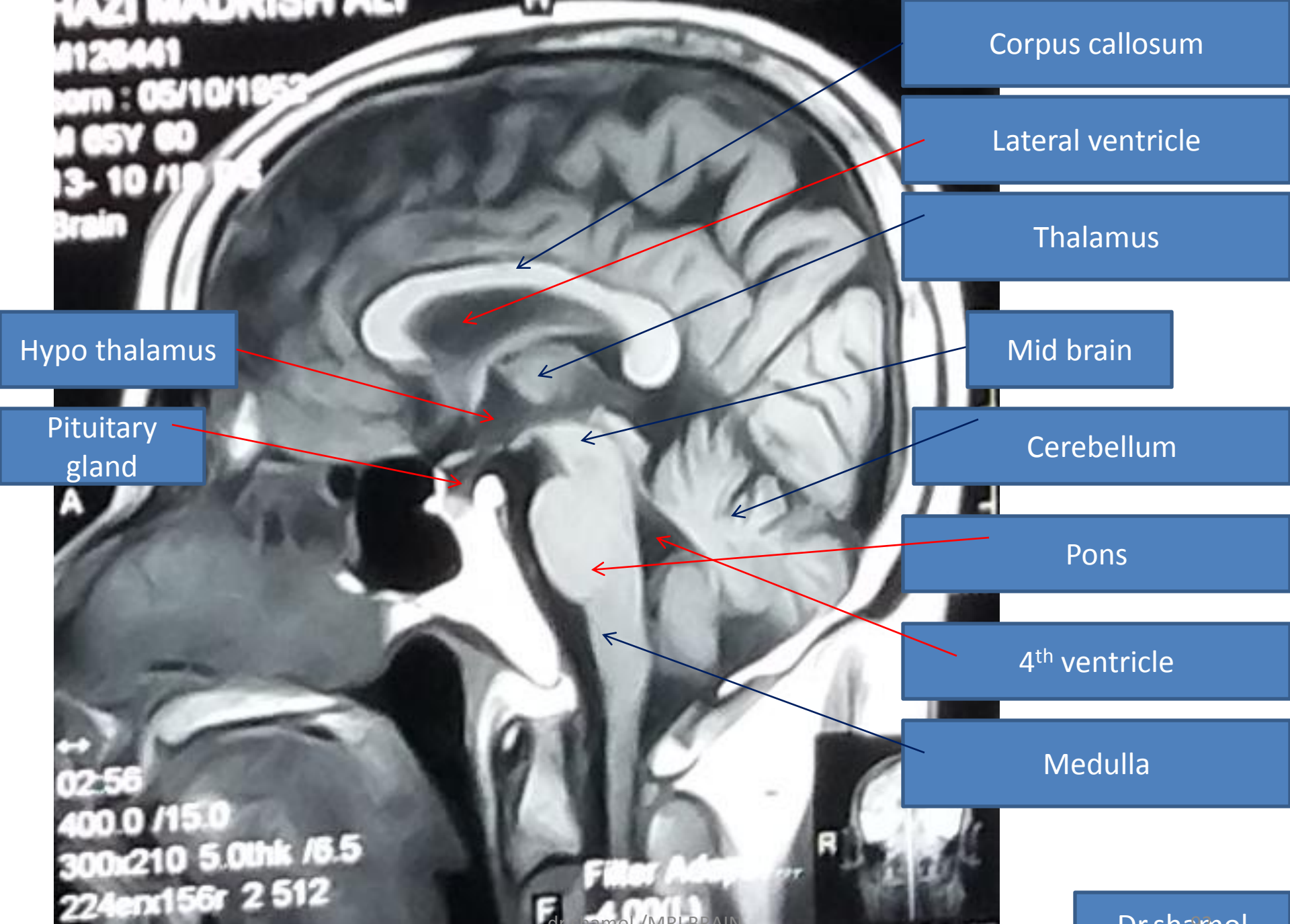
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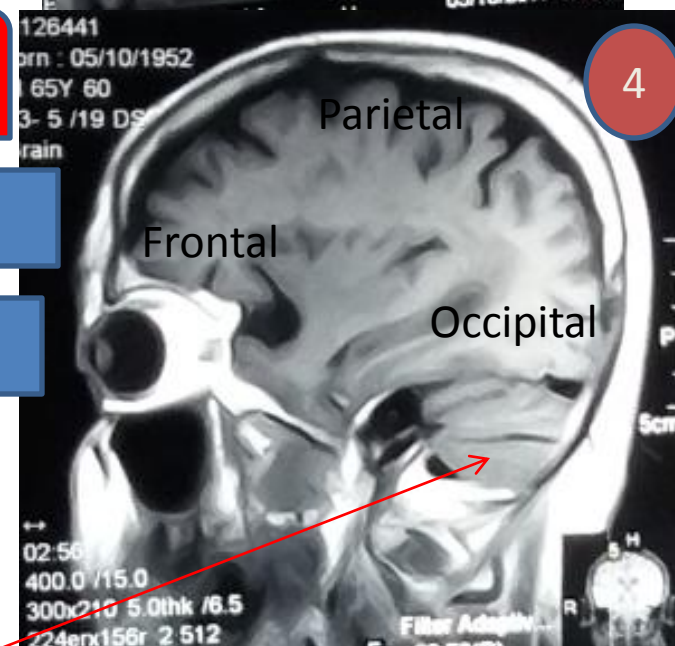
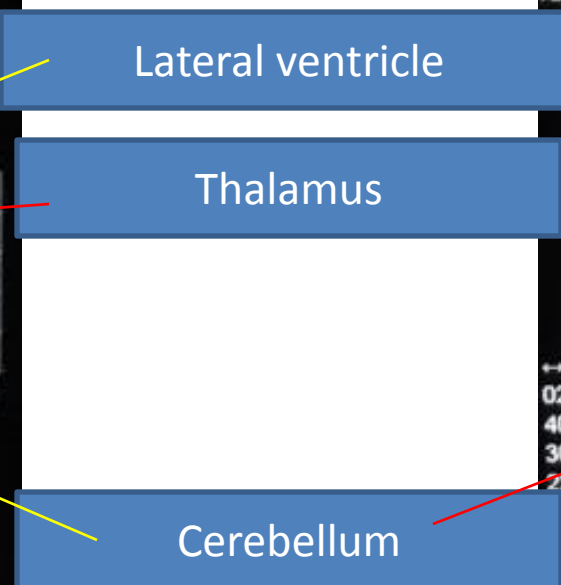
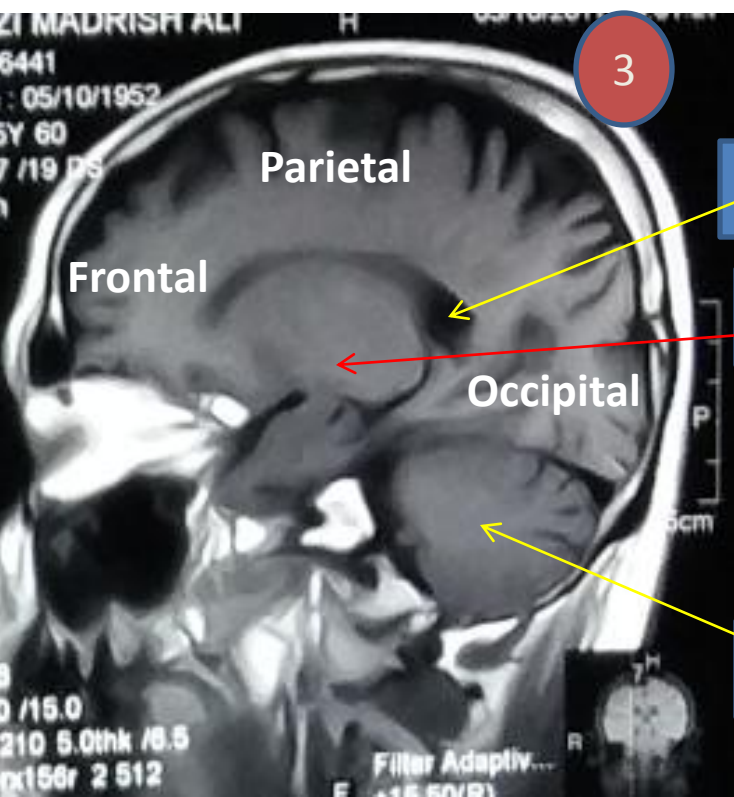
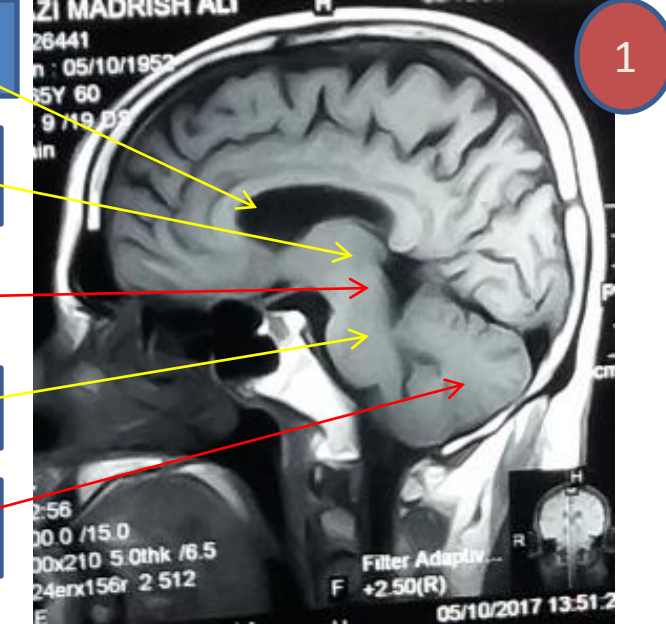
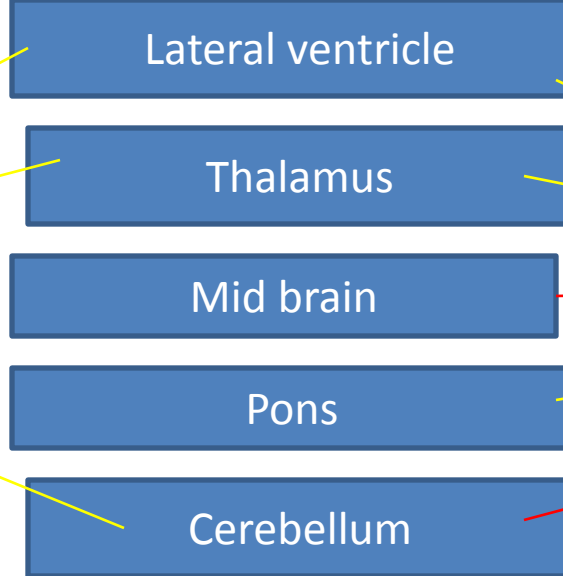
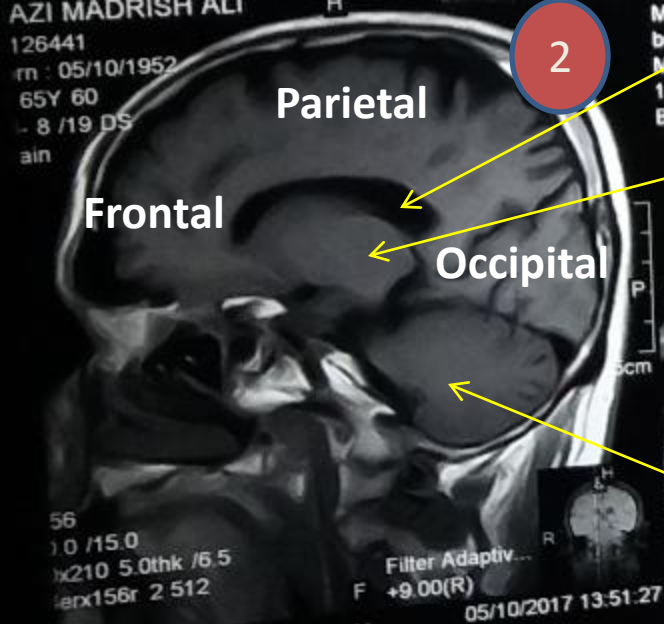
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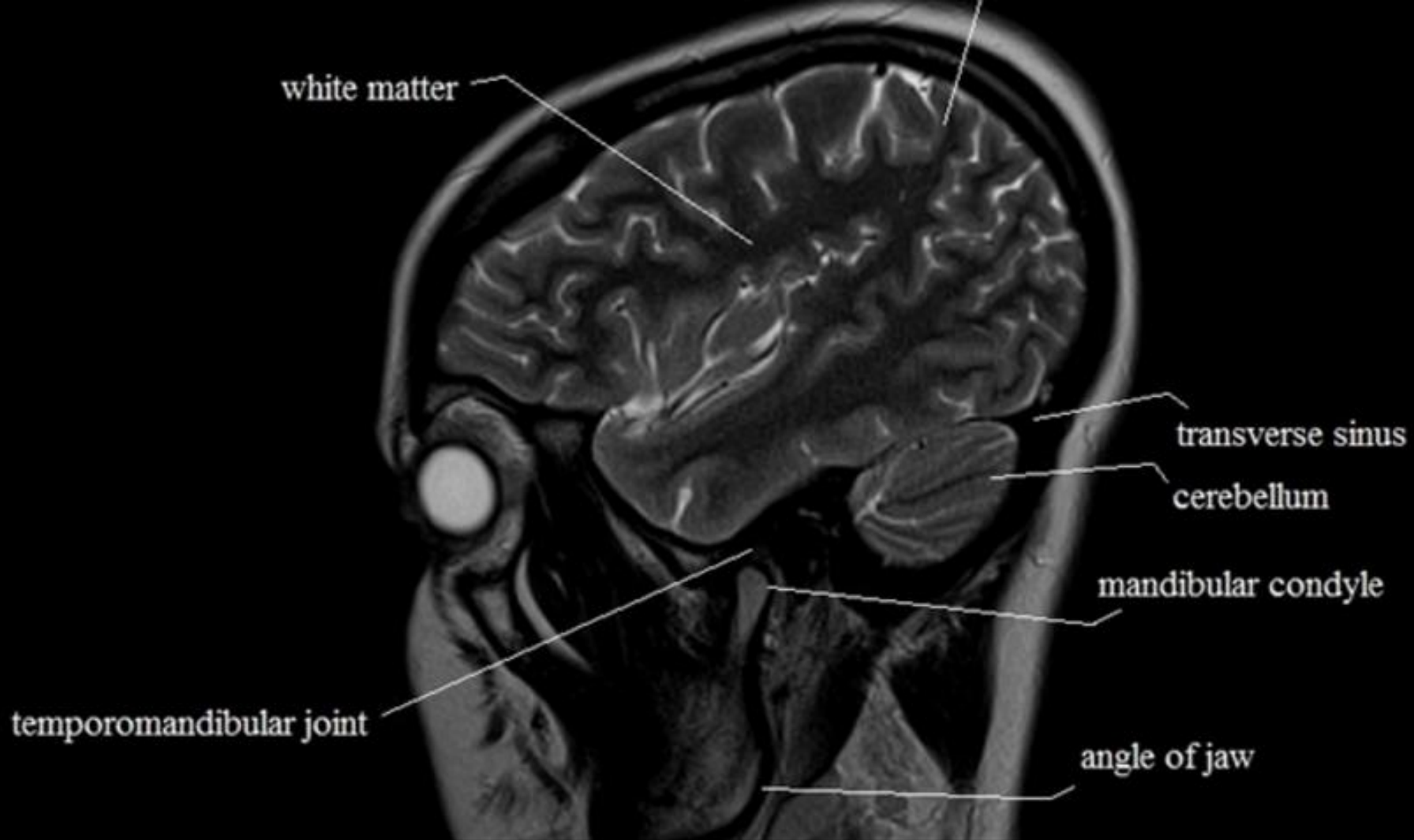


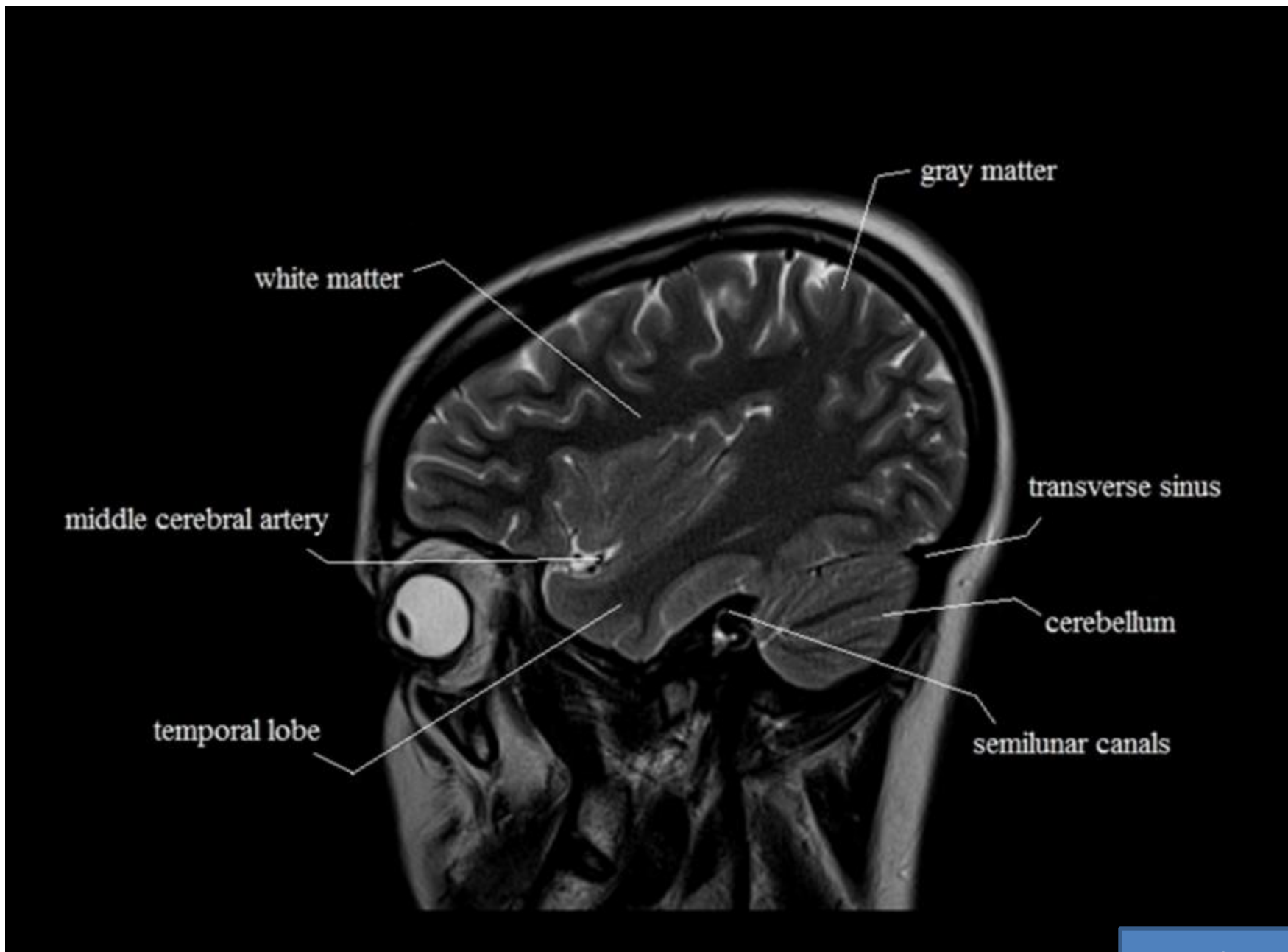


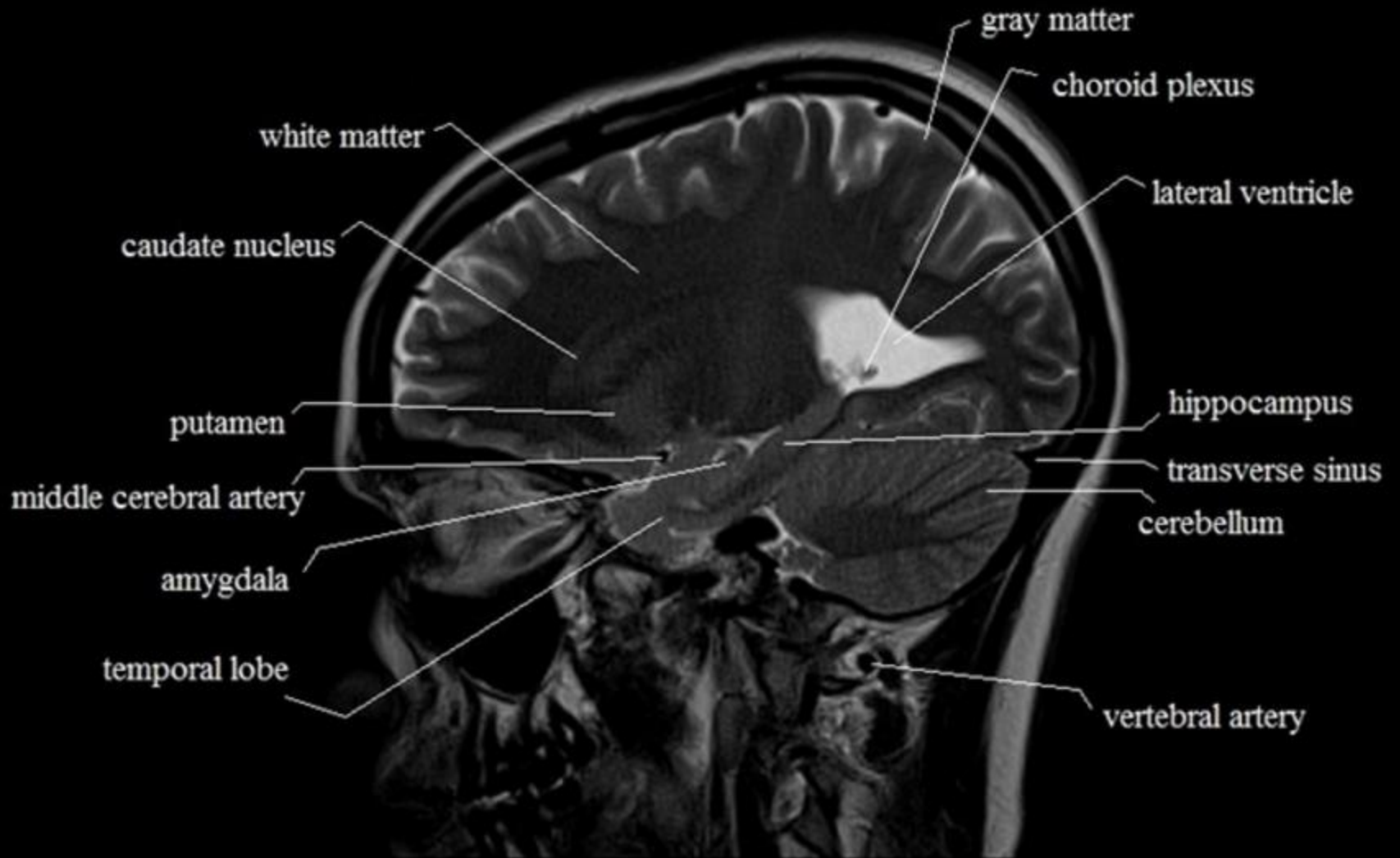
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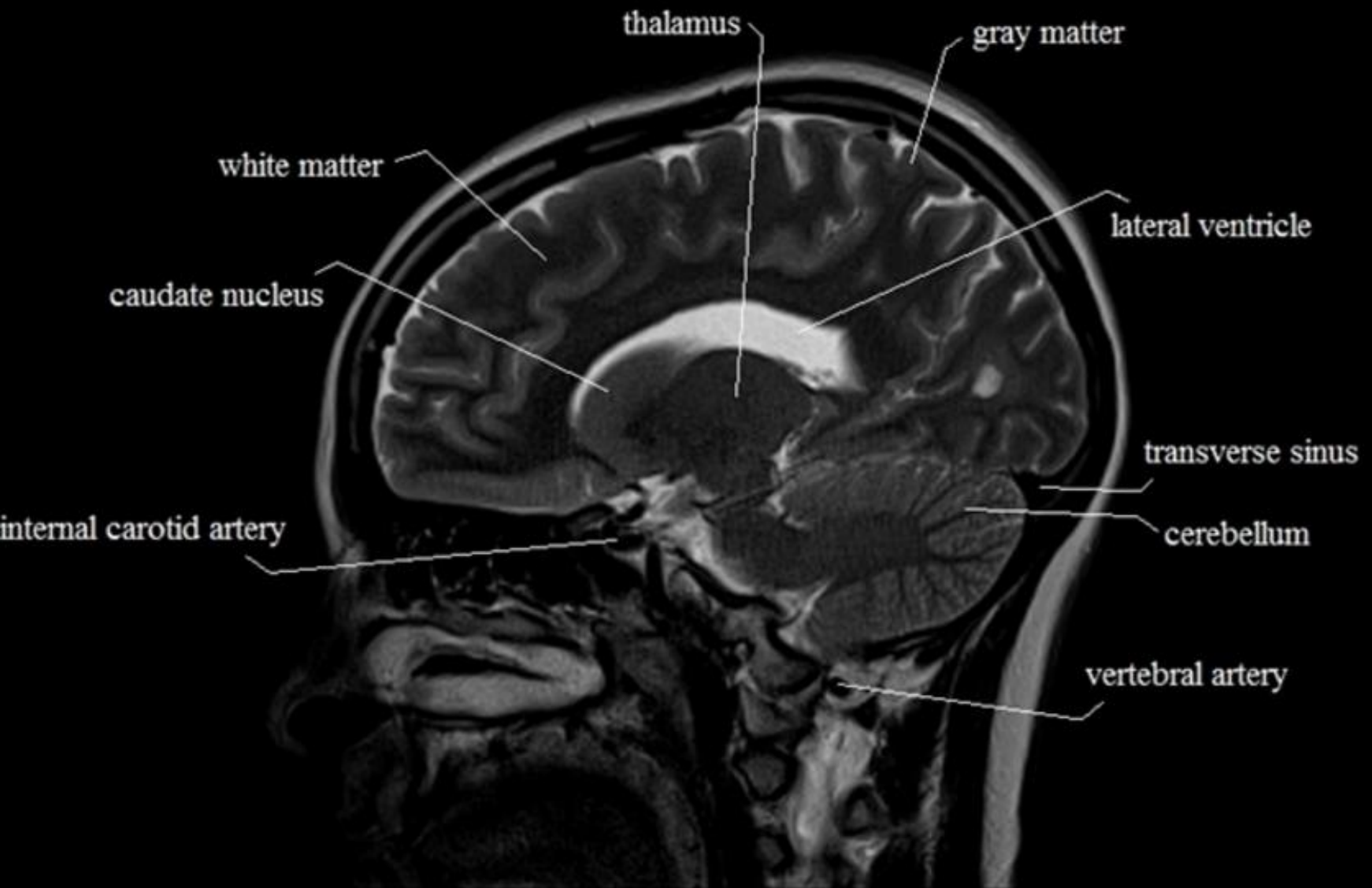
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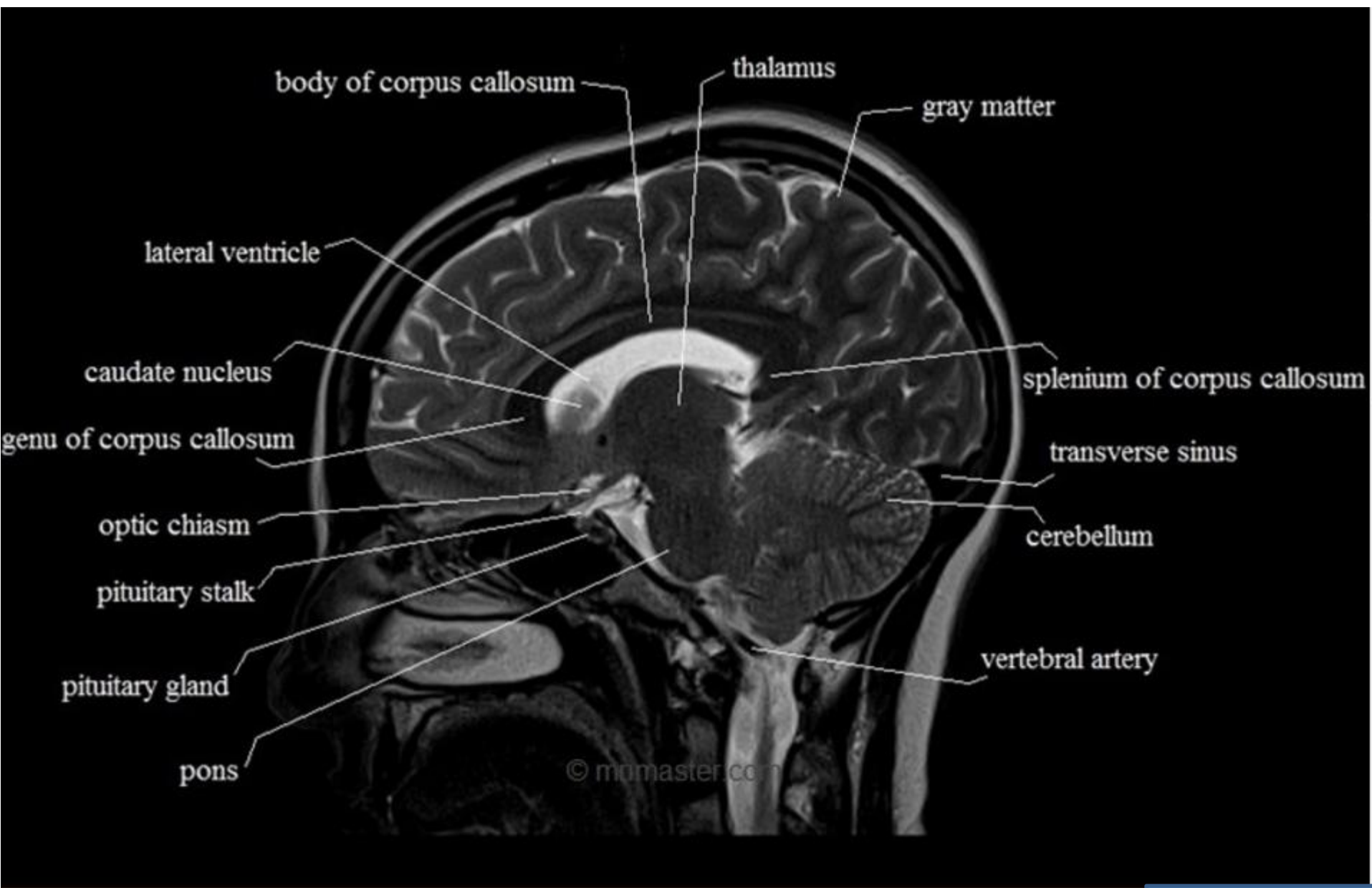
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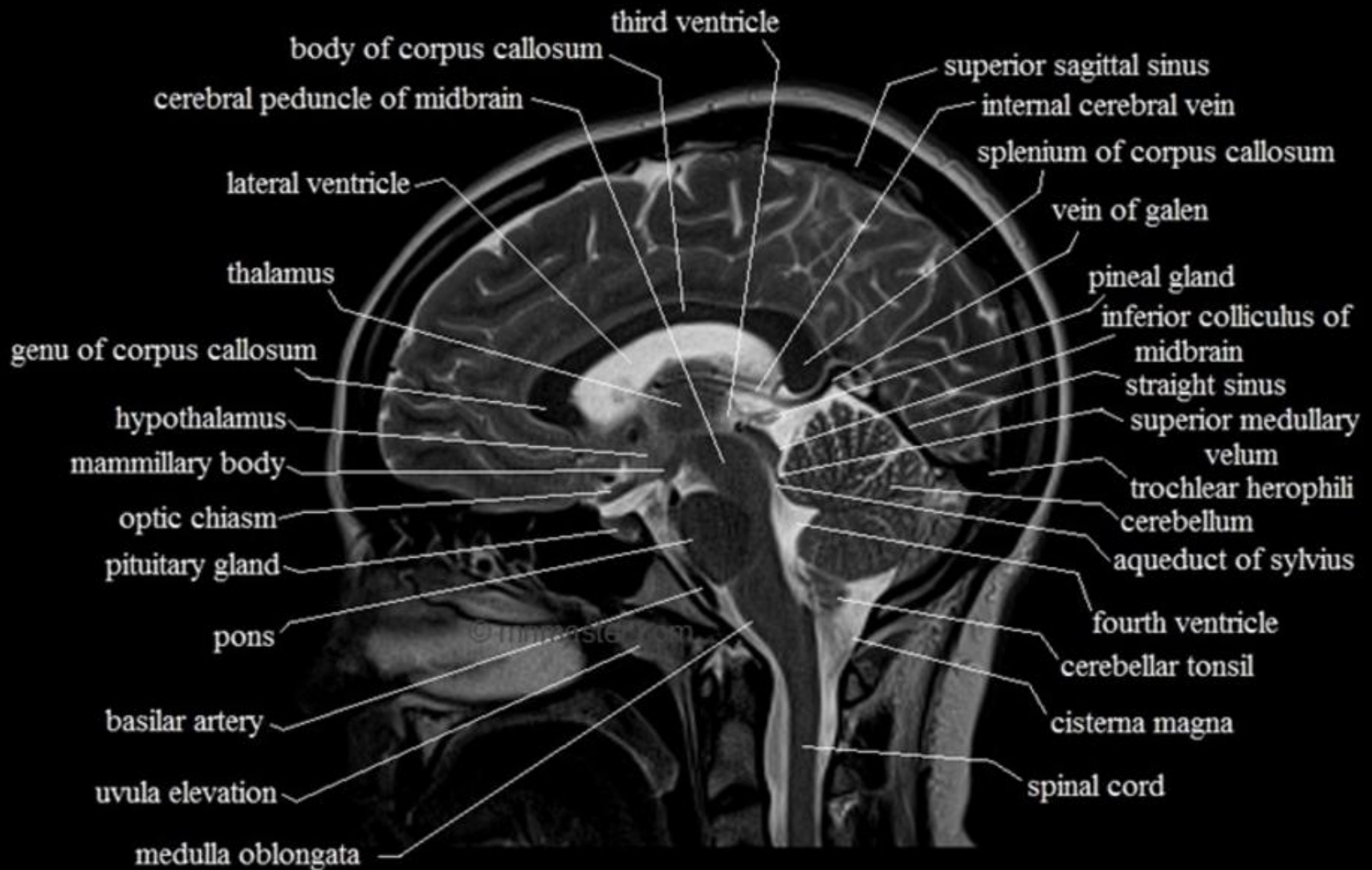


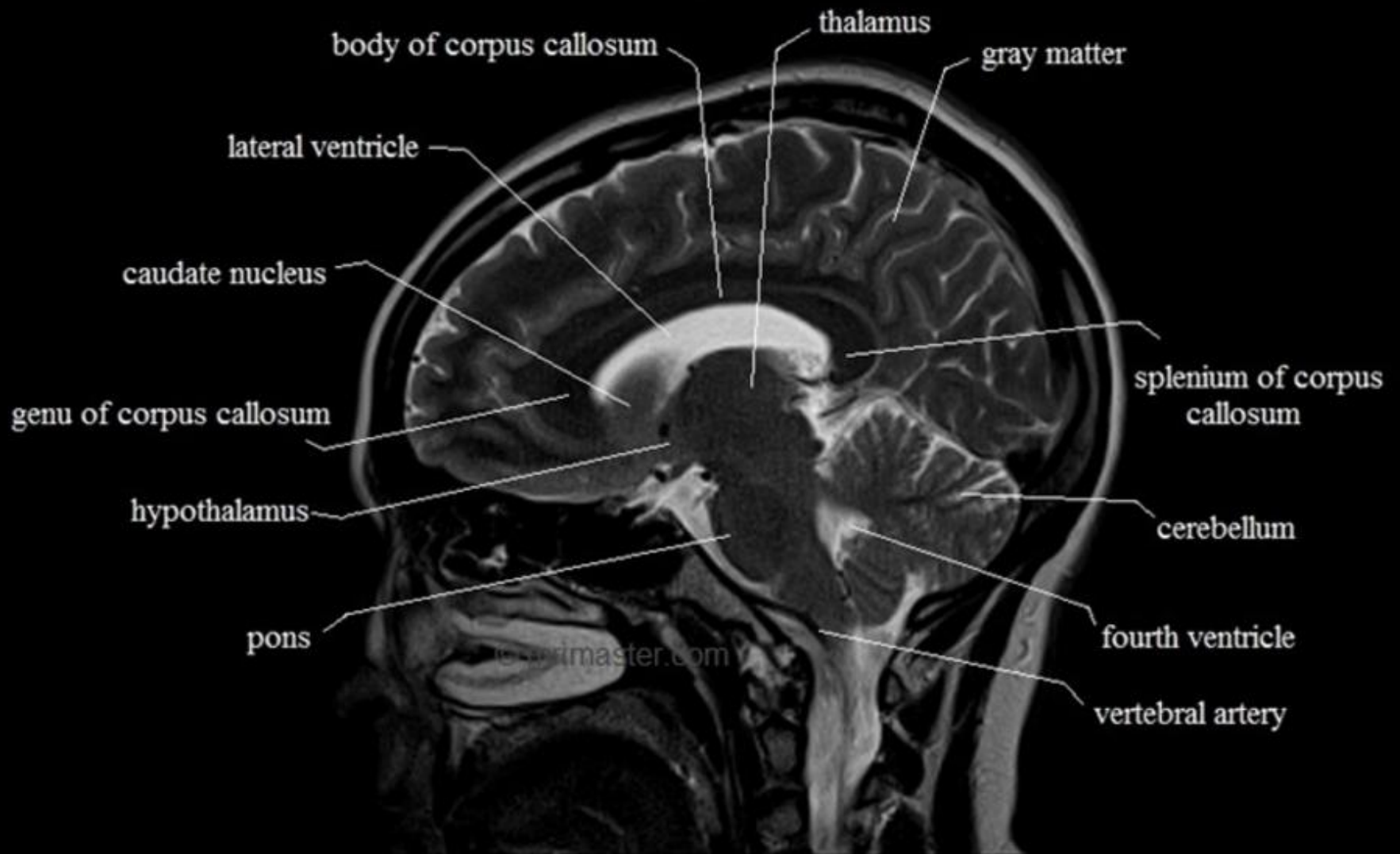


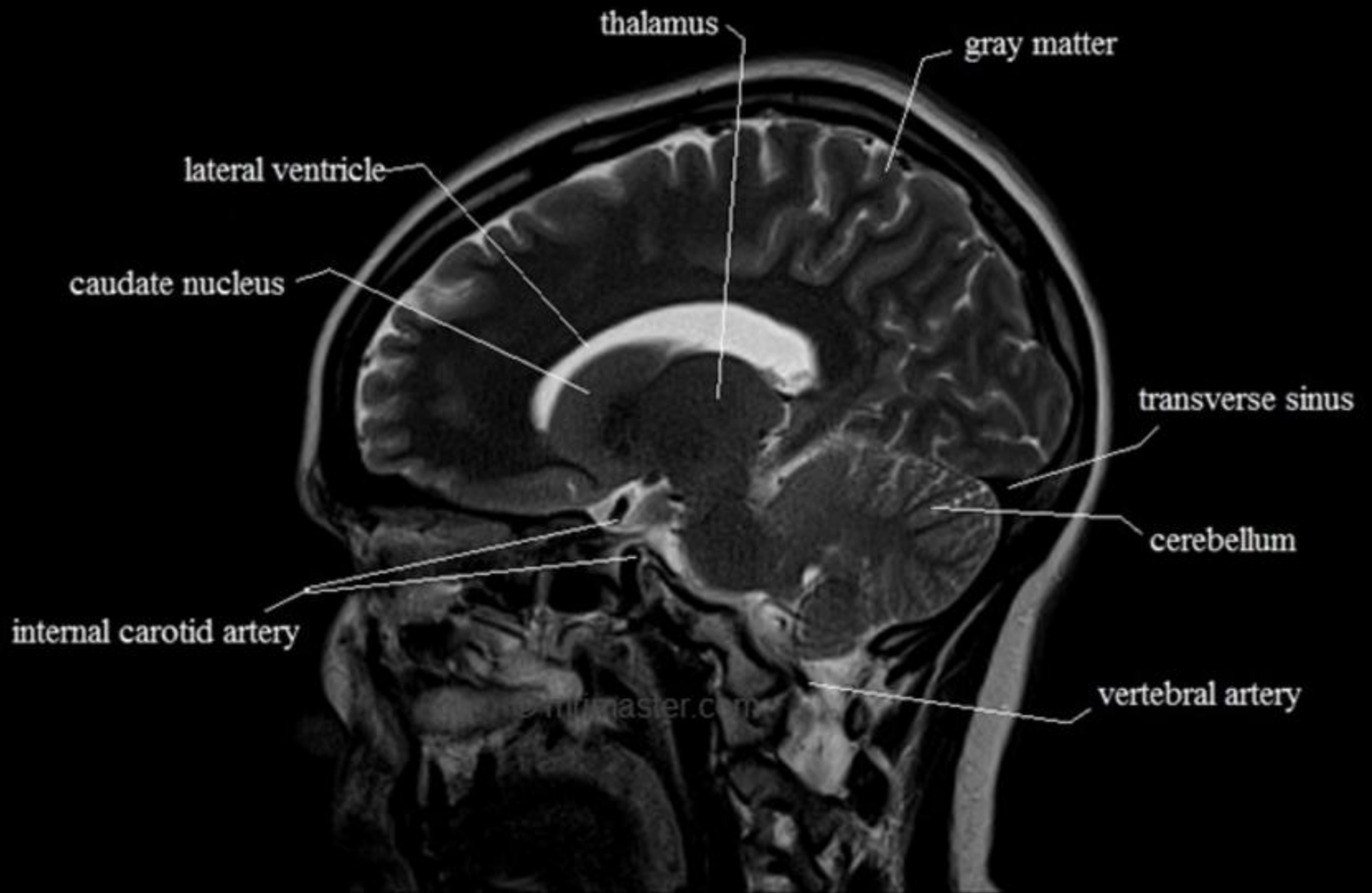


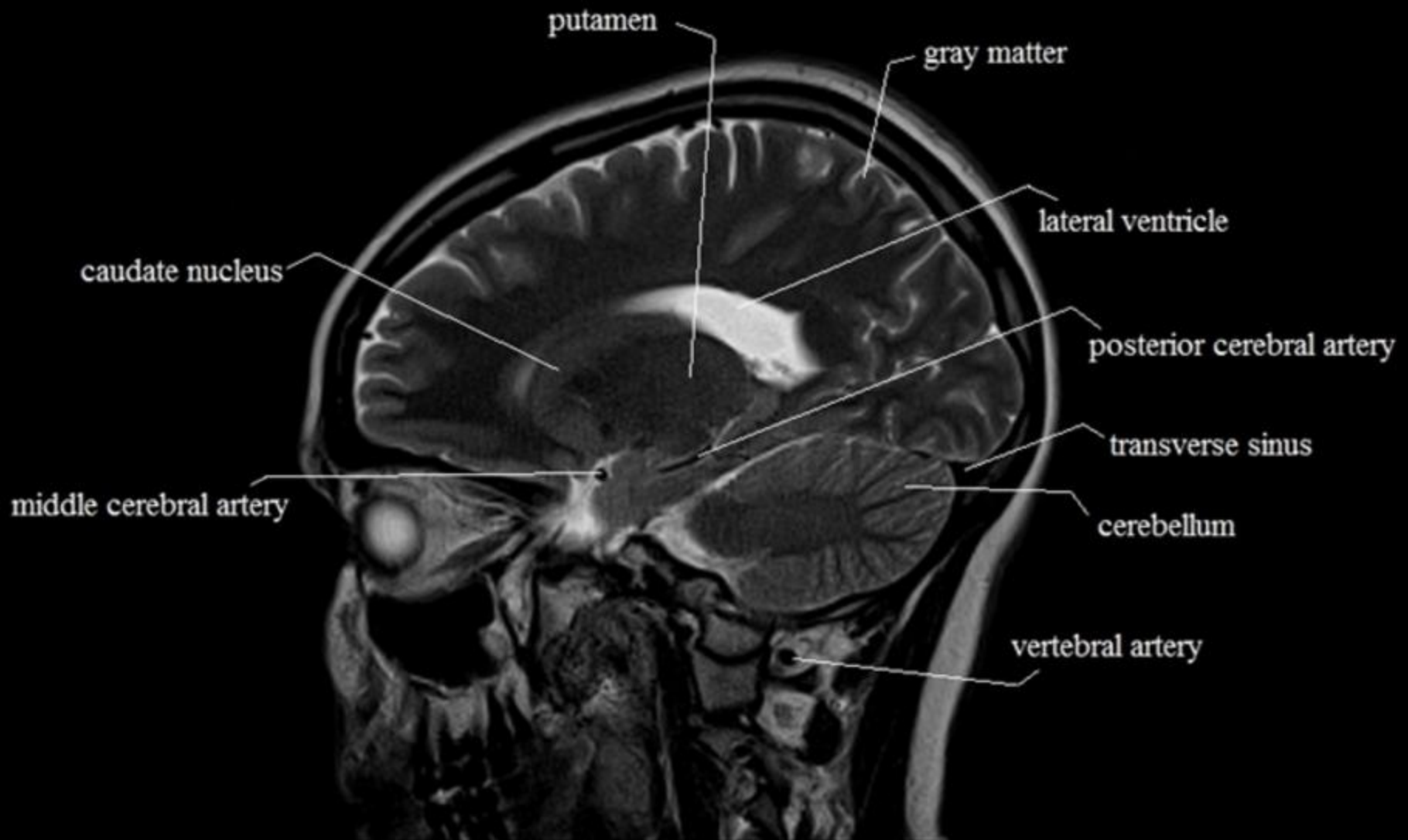


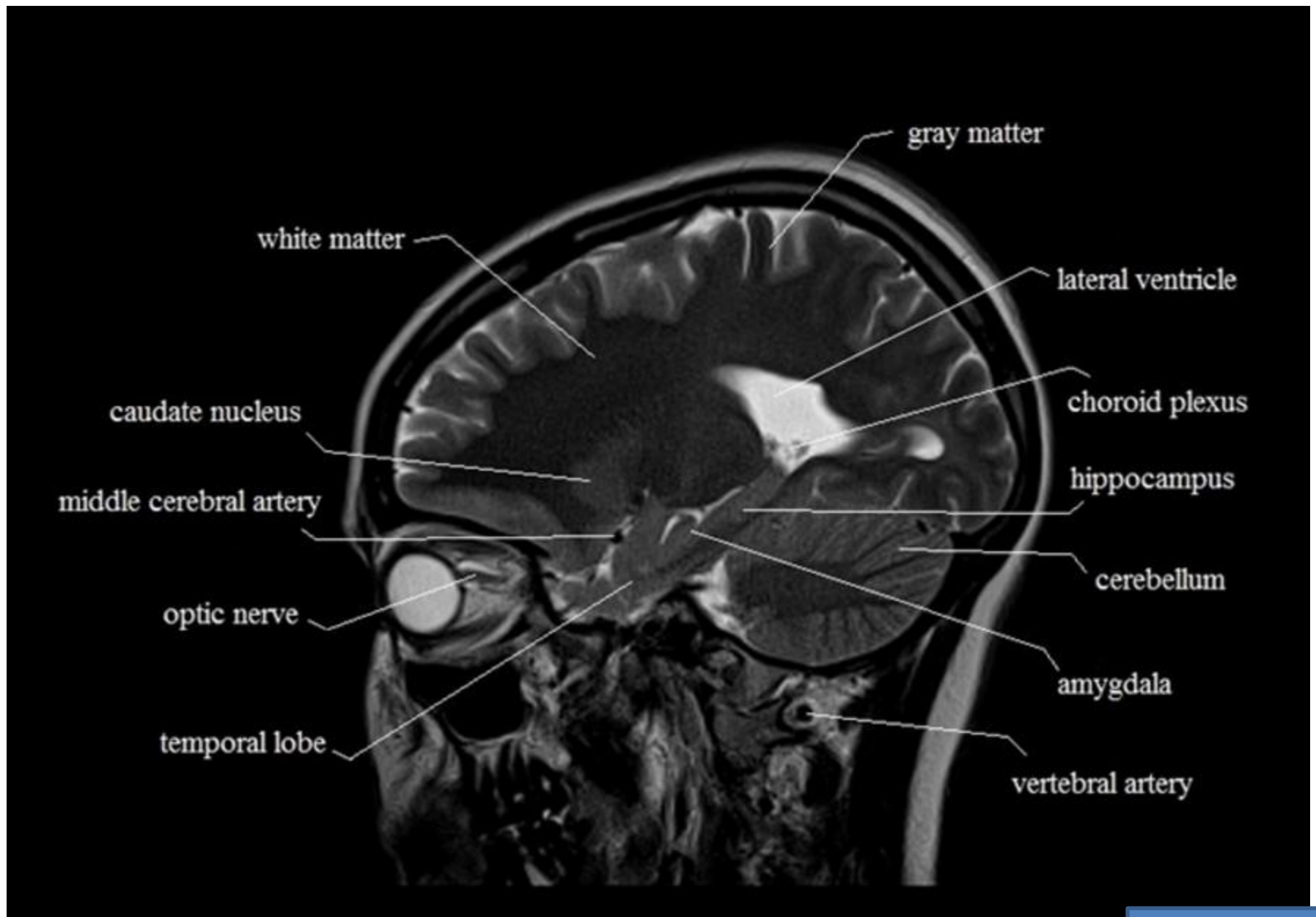


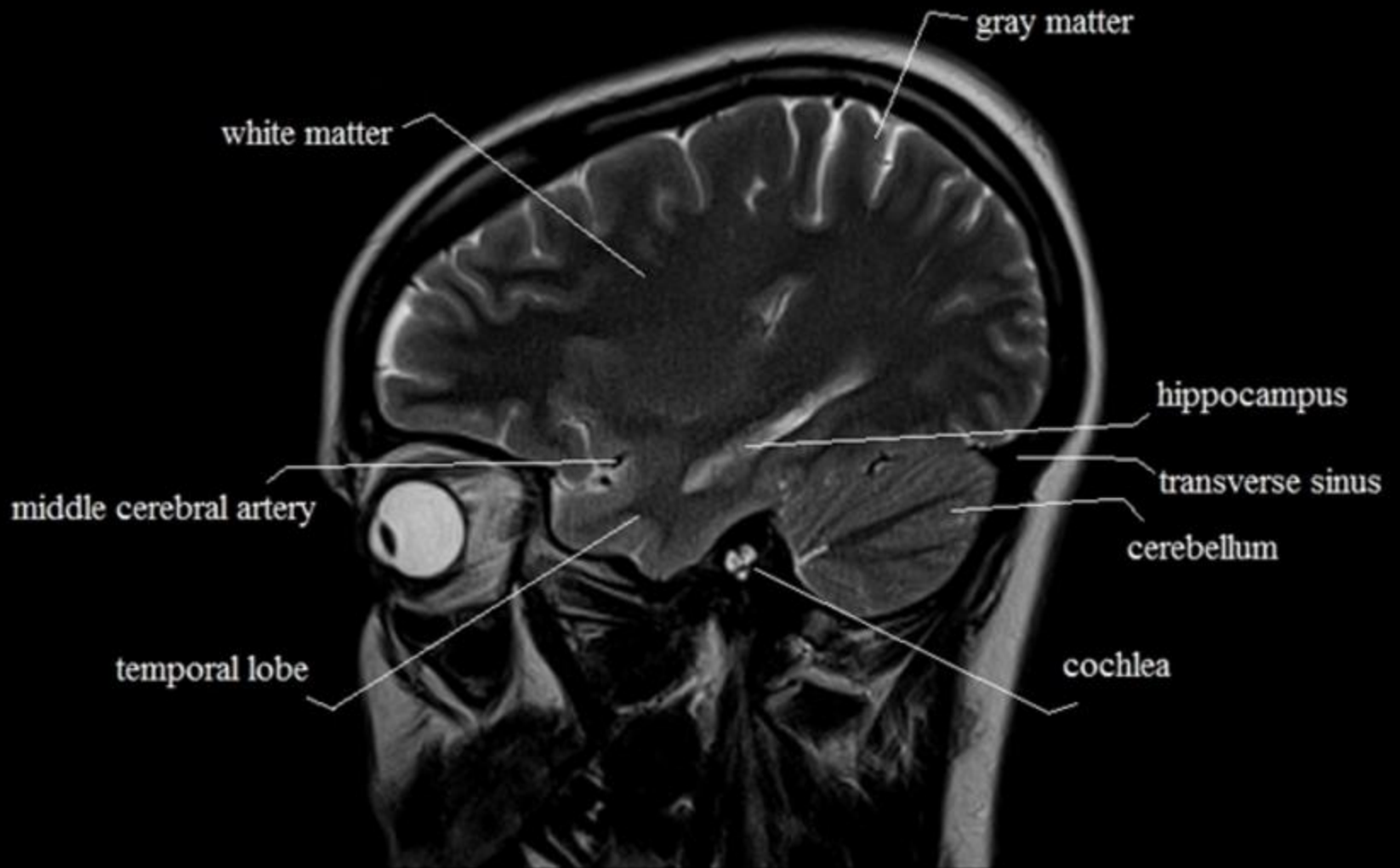


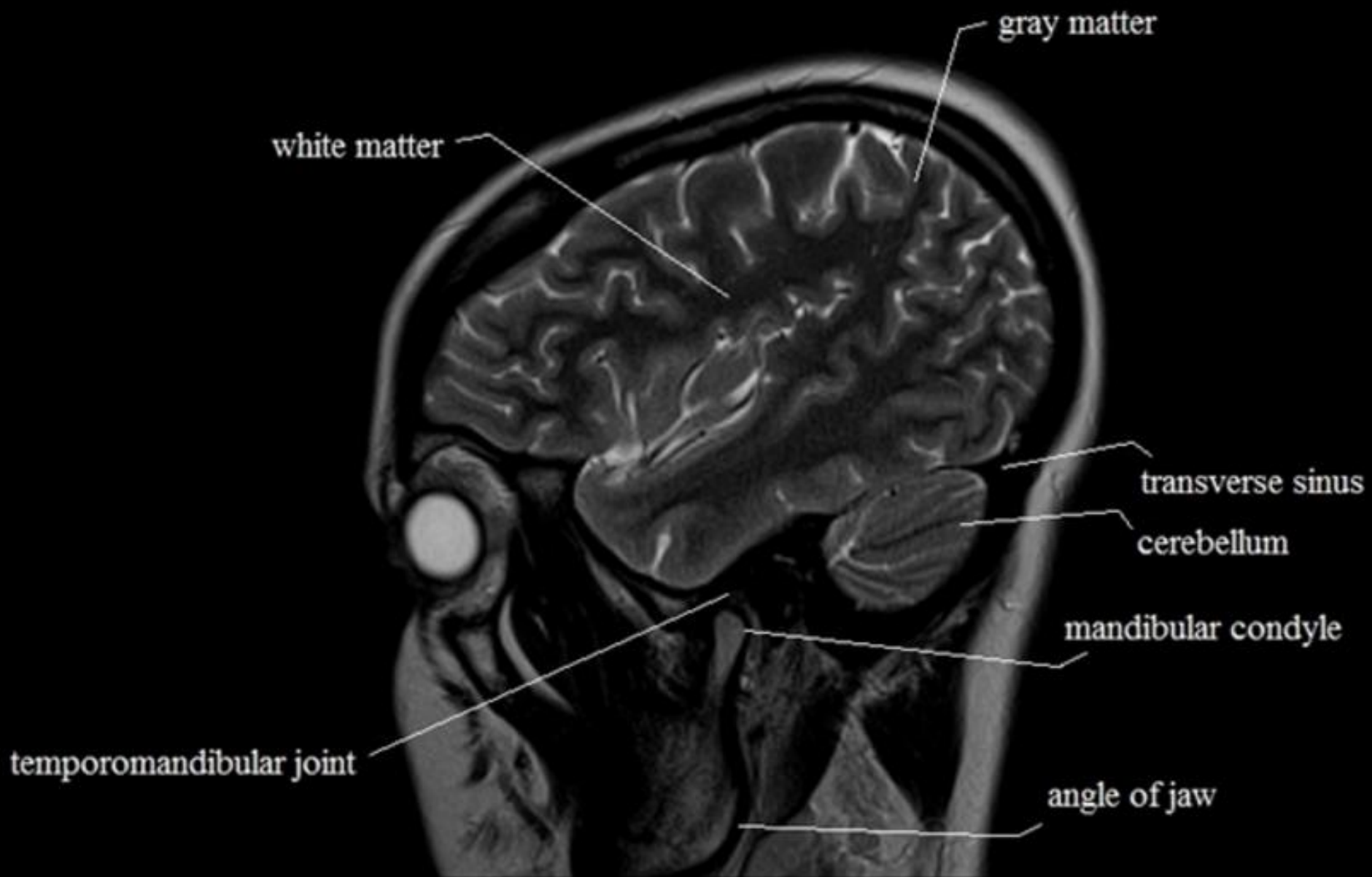


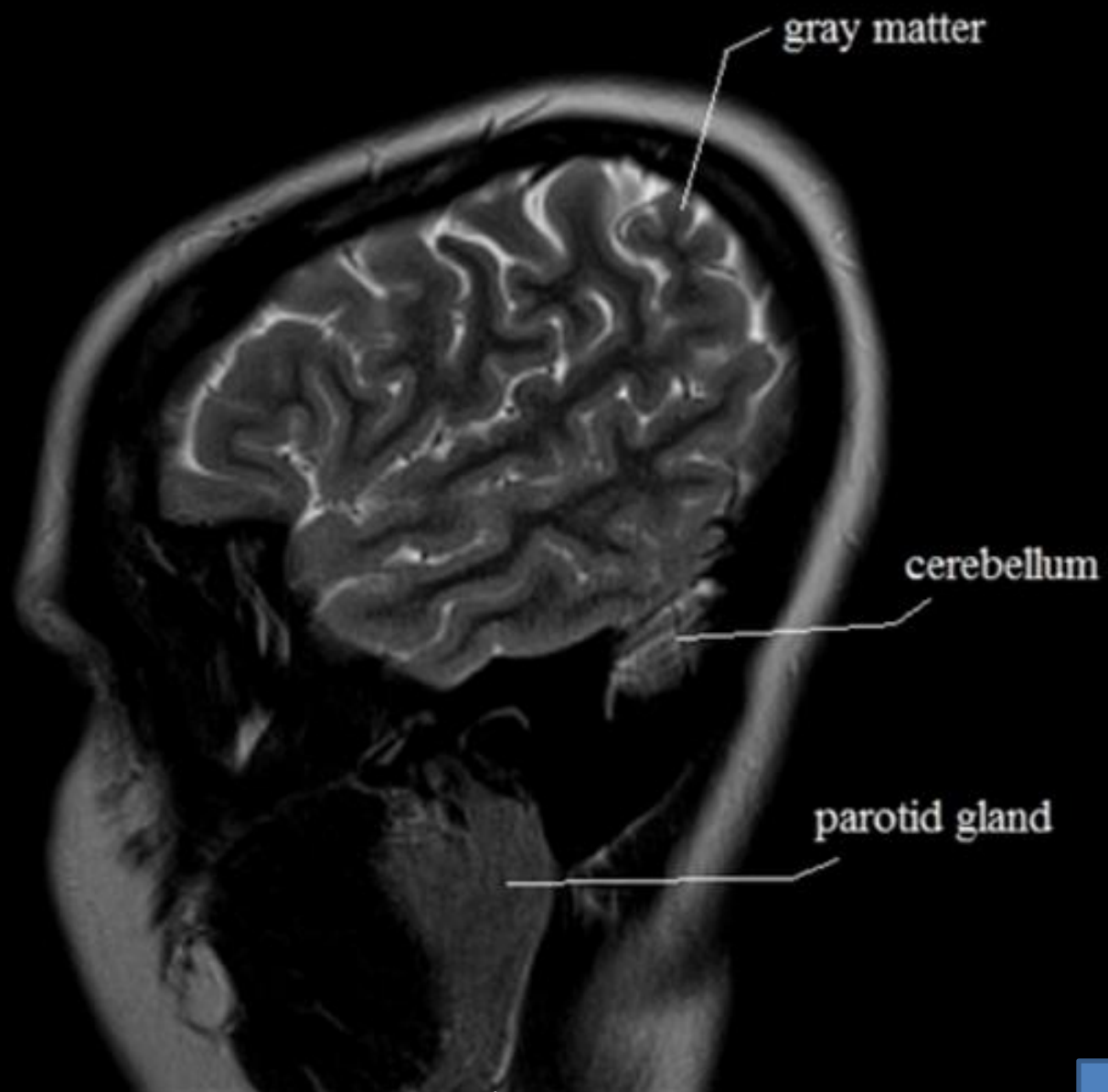












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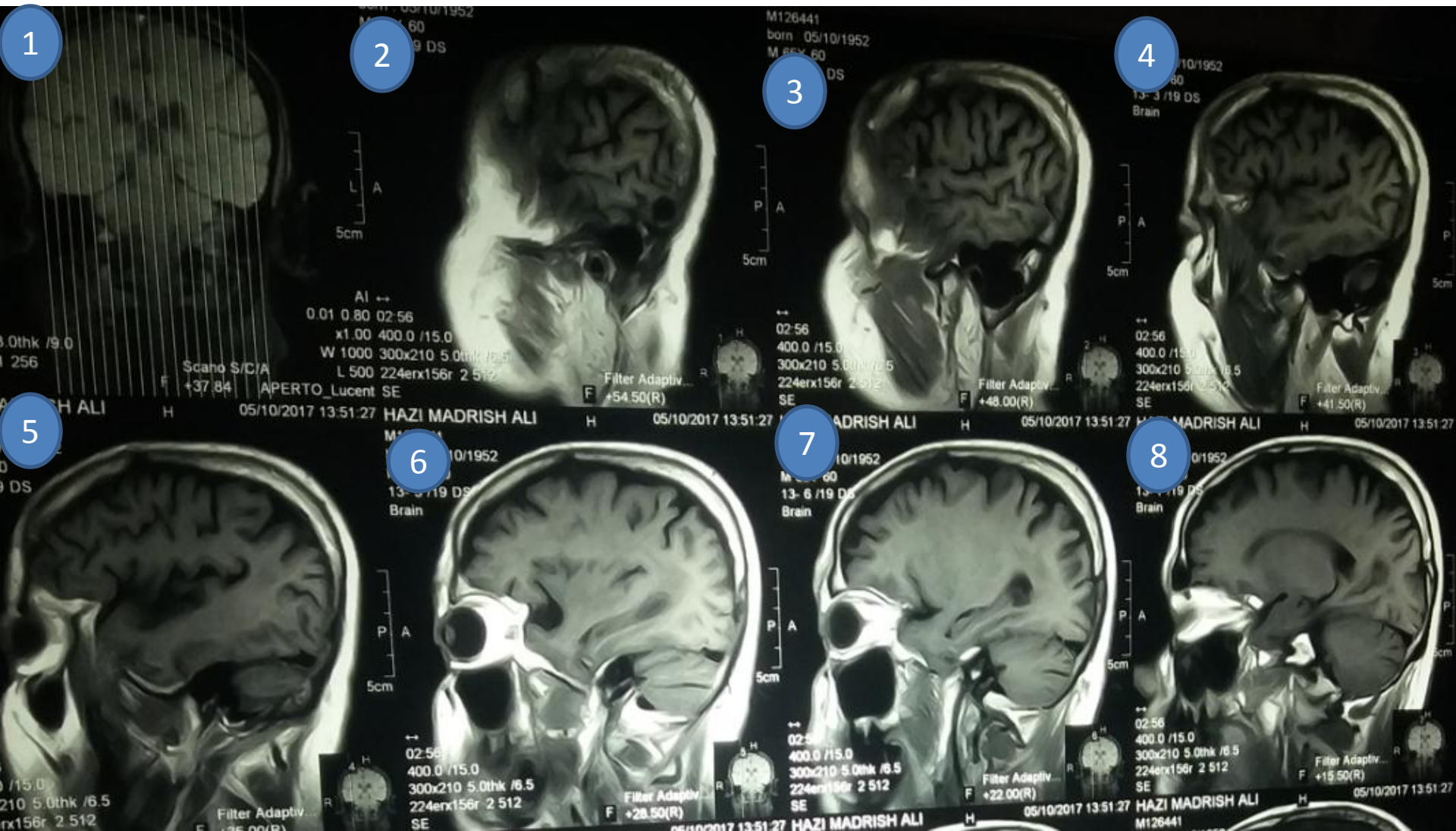
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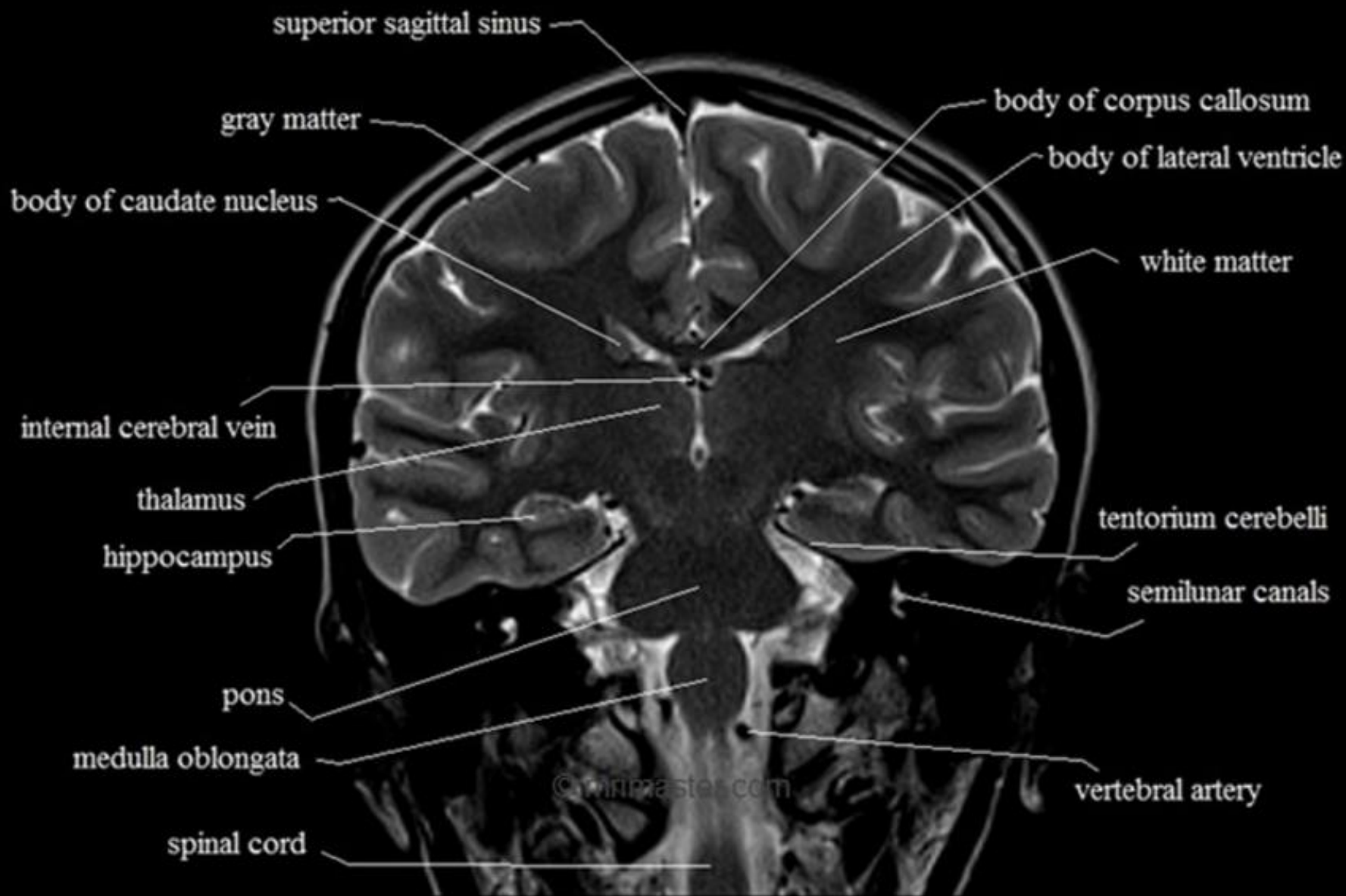
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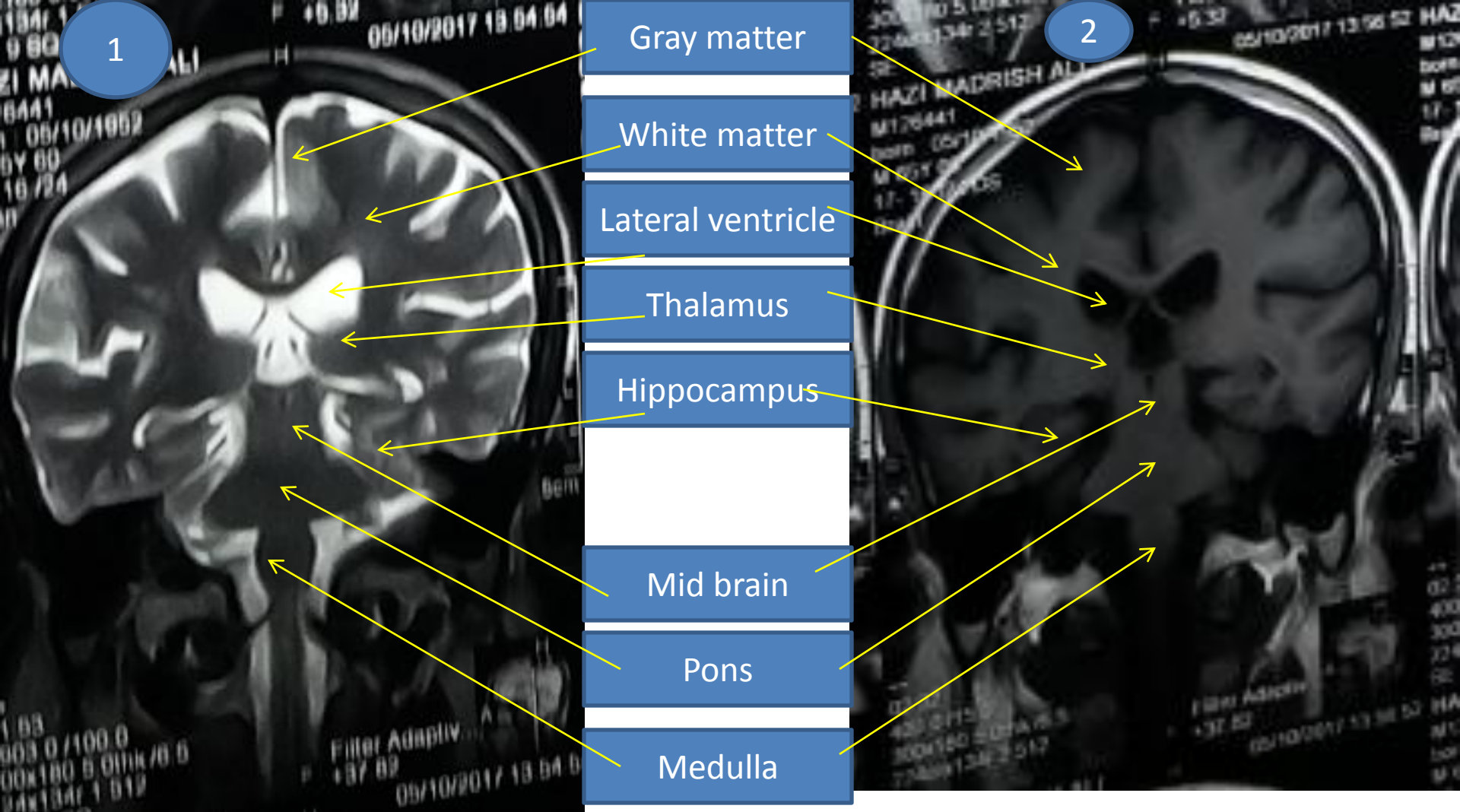


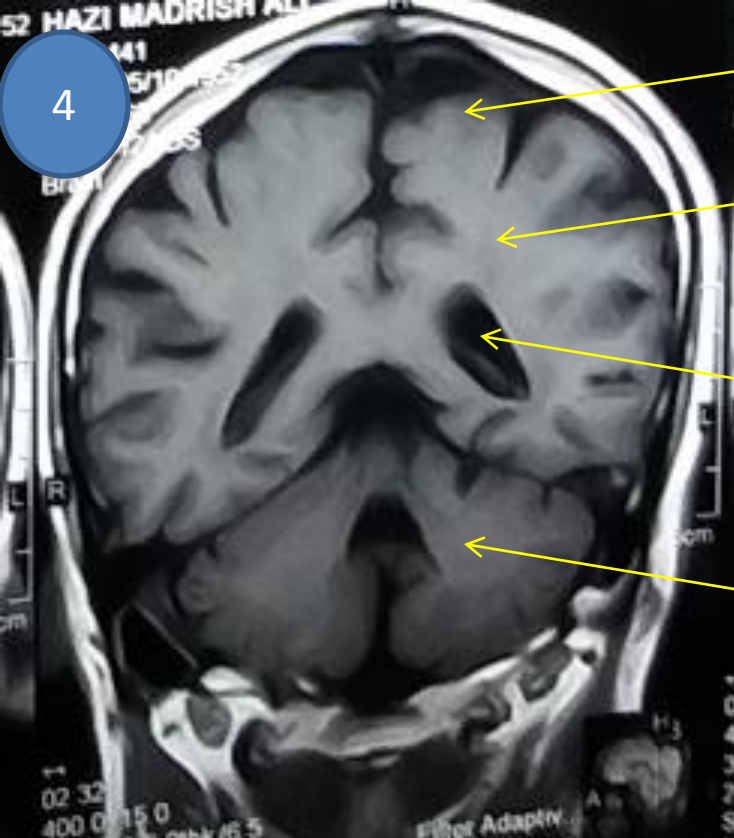
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MOST IMPORTANT STRUCTURE OF CRONAL FILMS
YOU HAVE TO KNOW







Gray matter

White matter

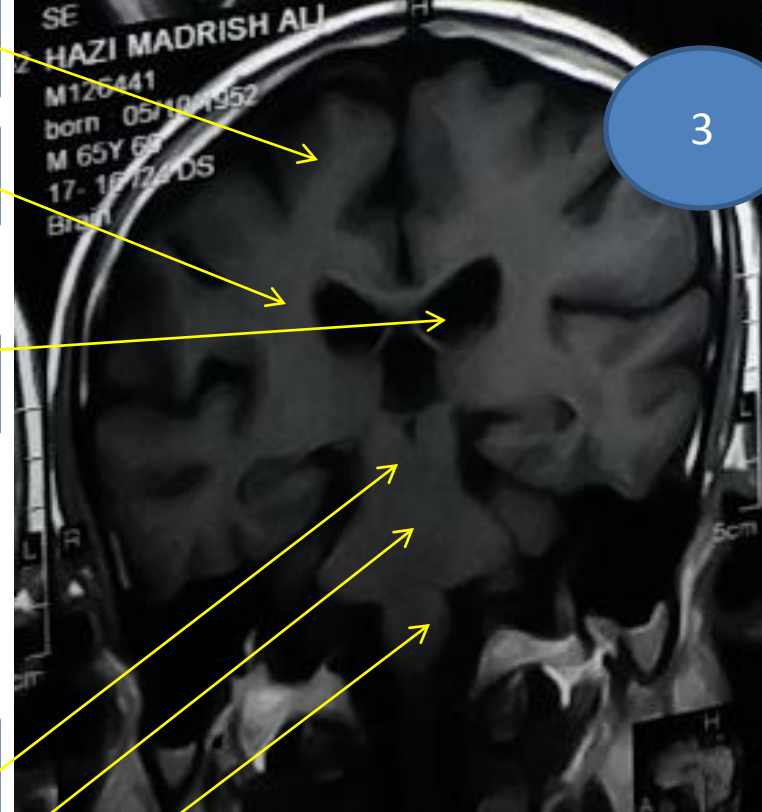
Lateral ventricle

Cerebellum

Mid brain

Pons

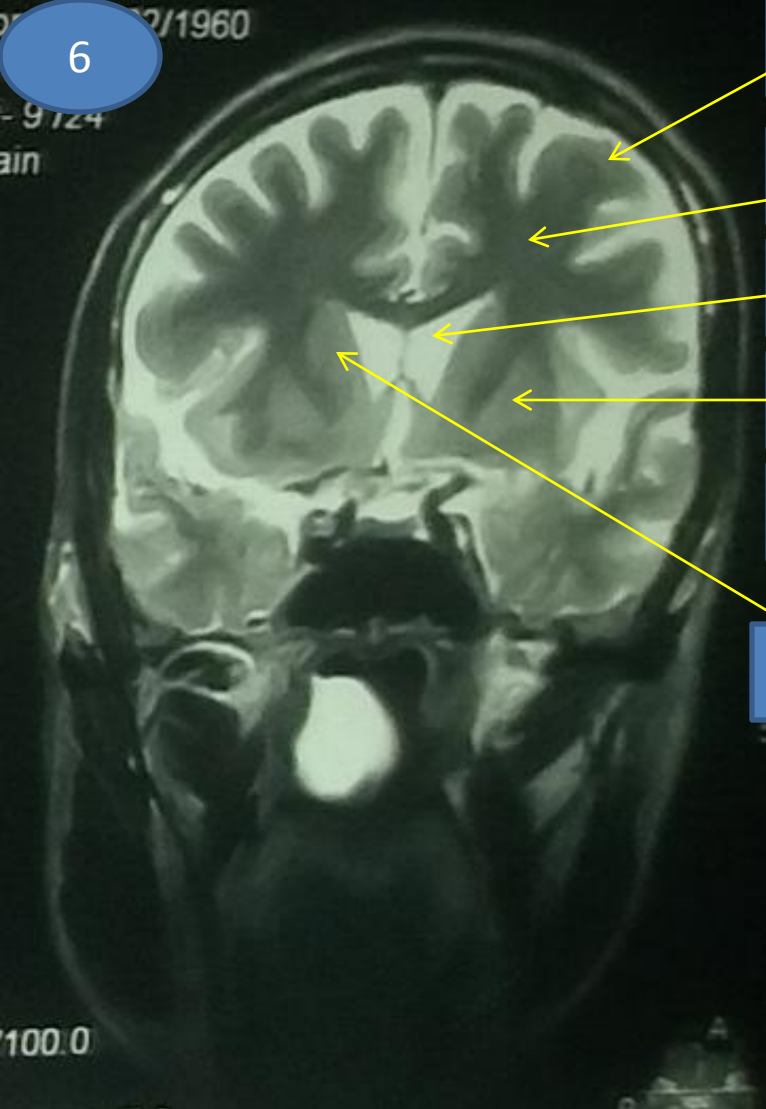
Medulla



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Gray matter

White matter

Lateral ventricle

Putaman

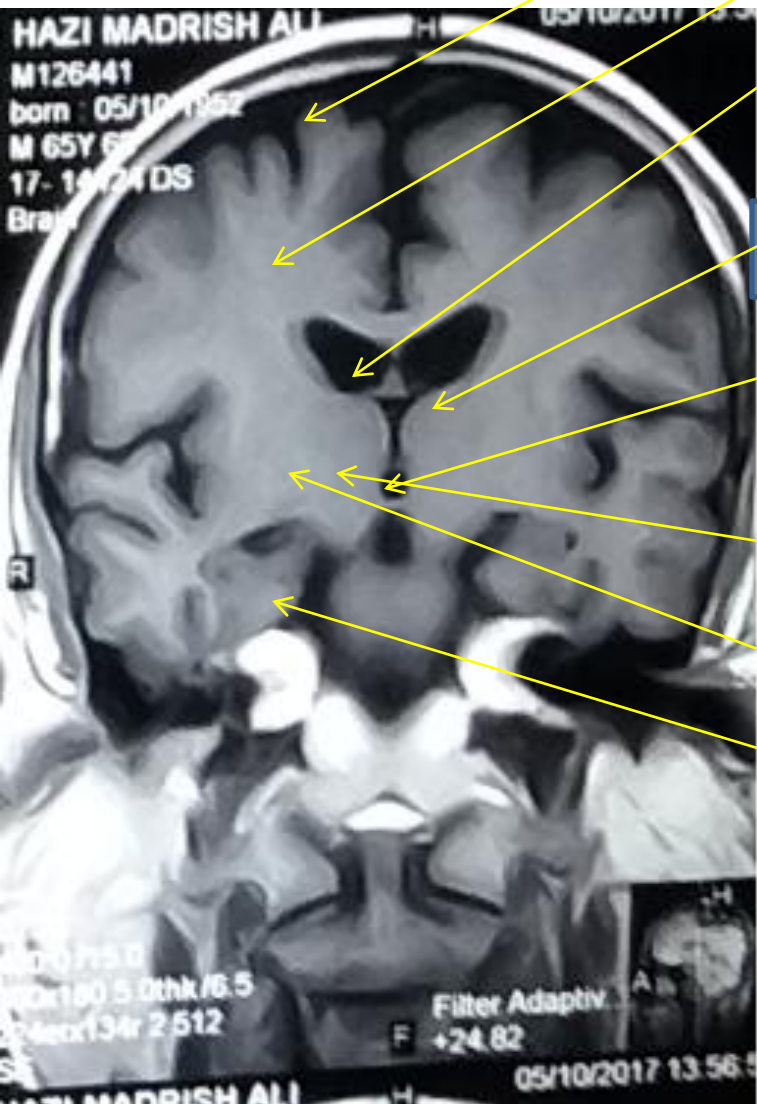
Hippocampus

Caudate nucleus

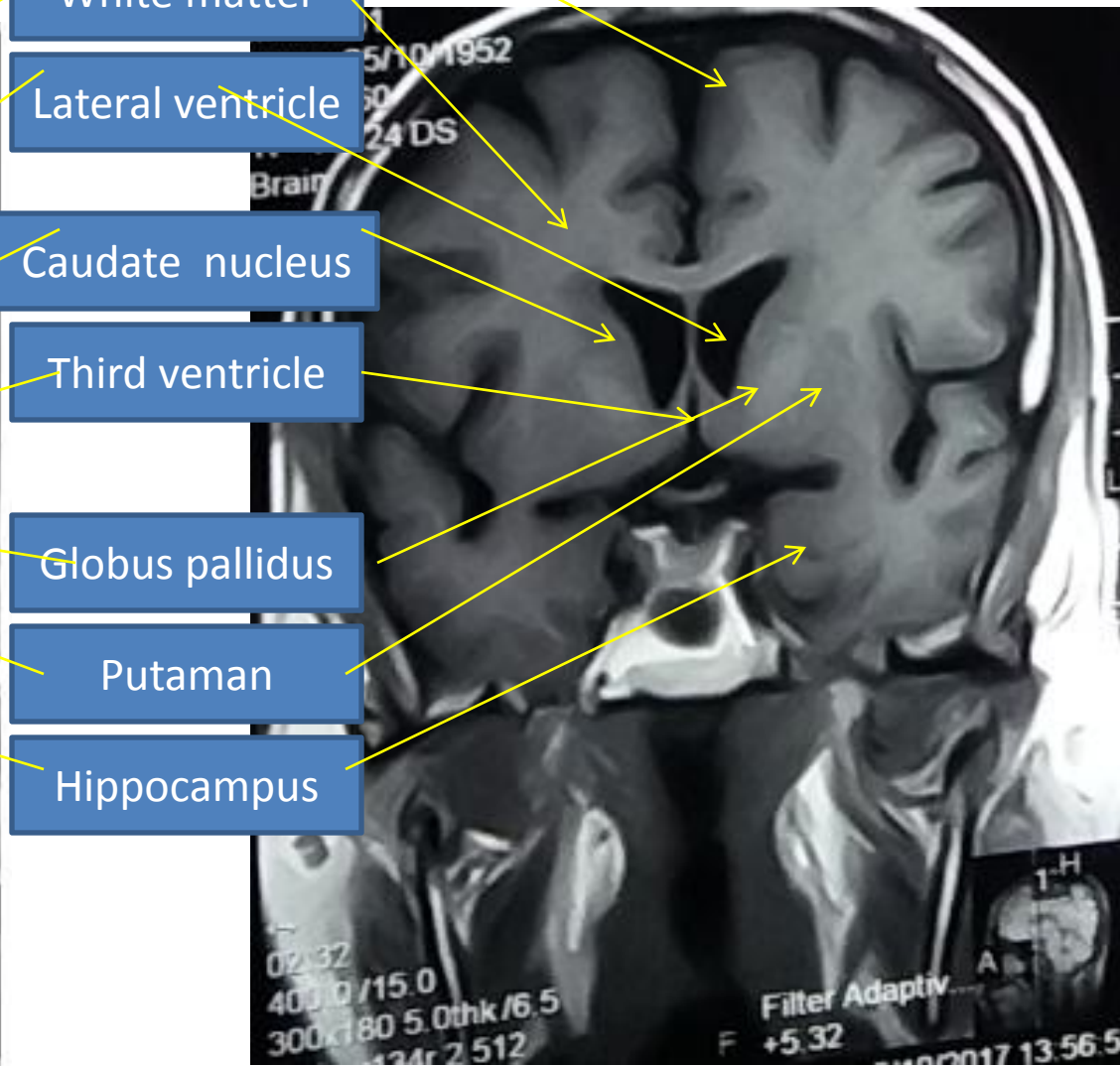
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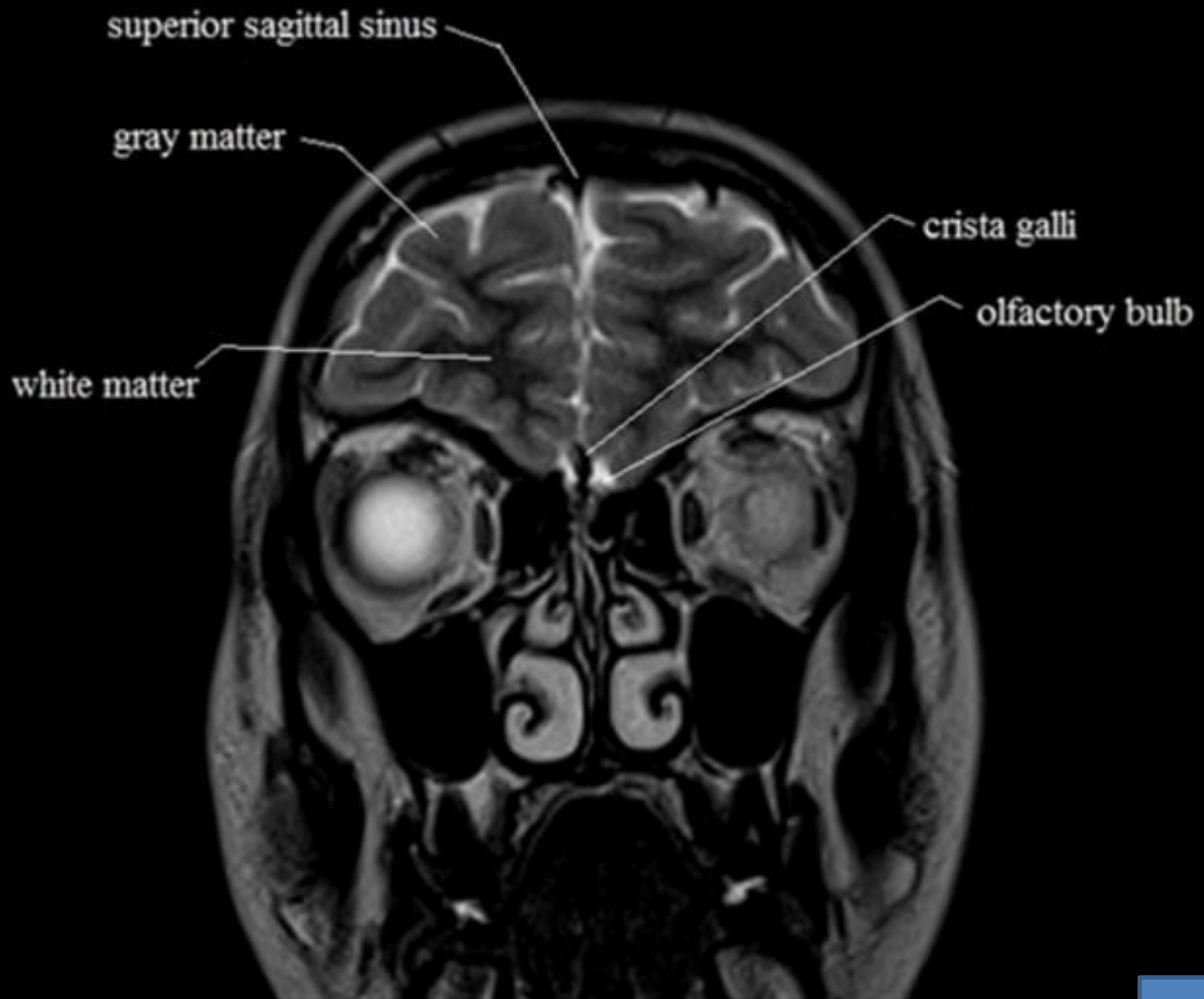


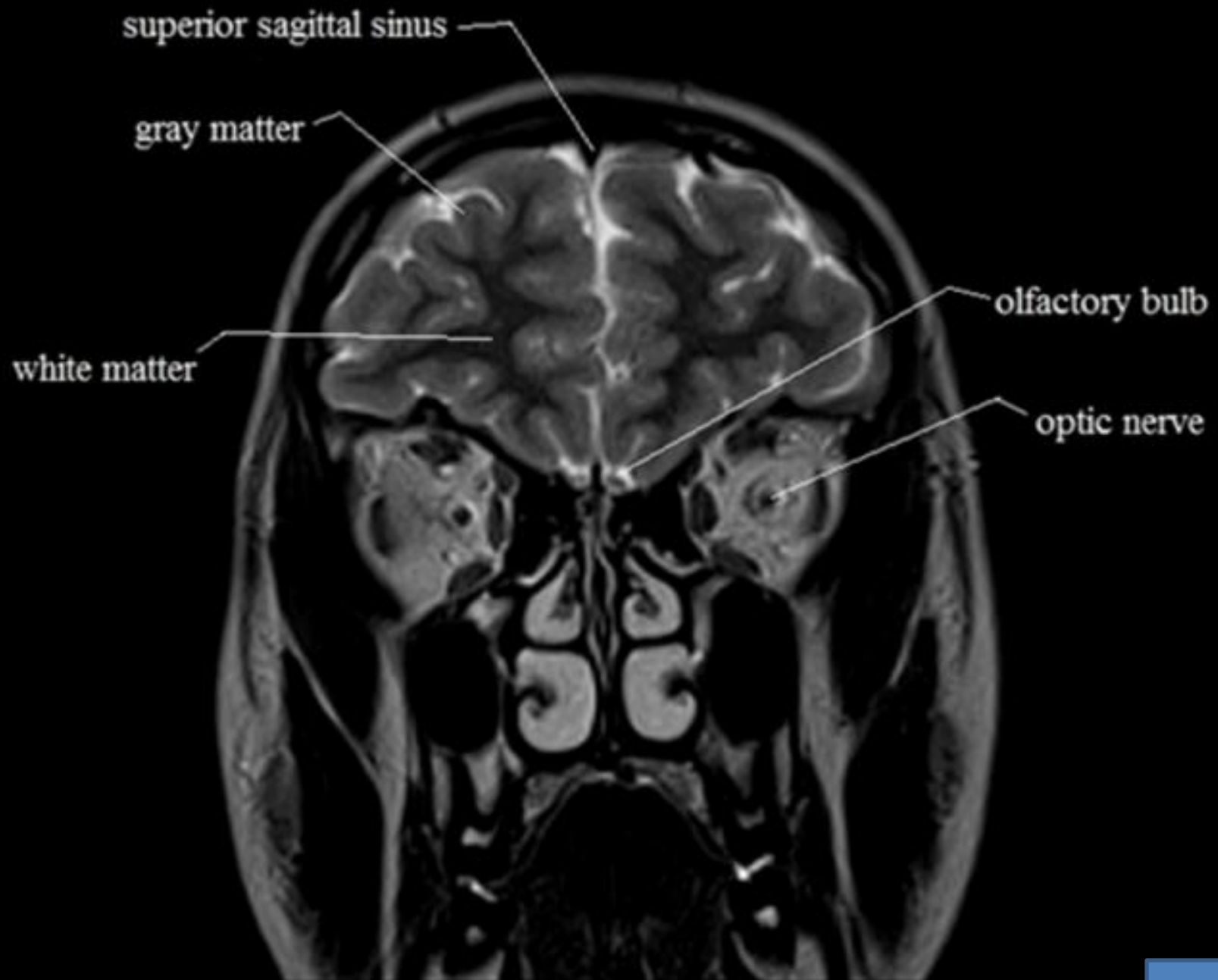
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CORONAL Structure A to Z

Sequence
FROM FRONT → BACK





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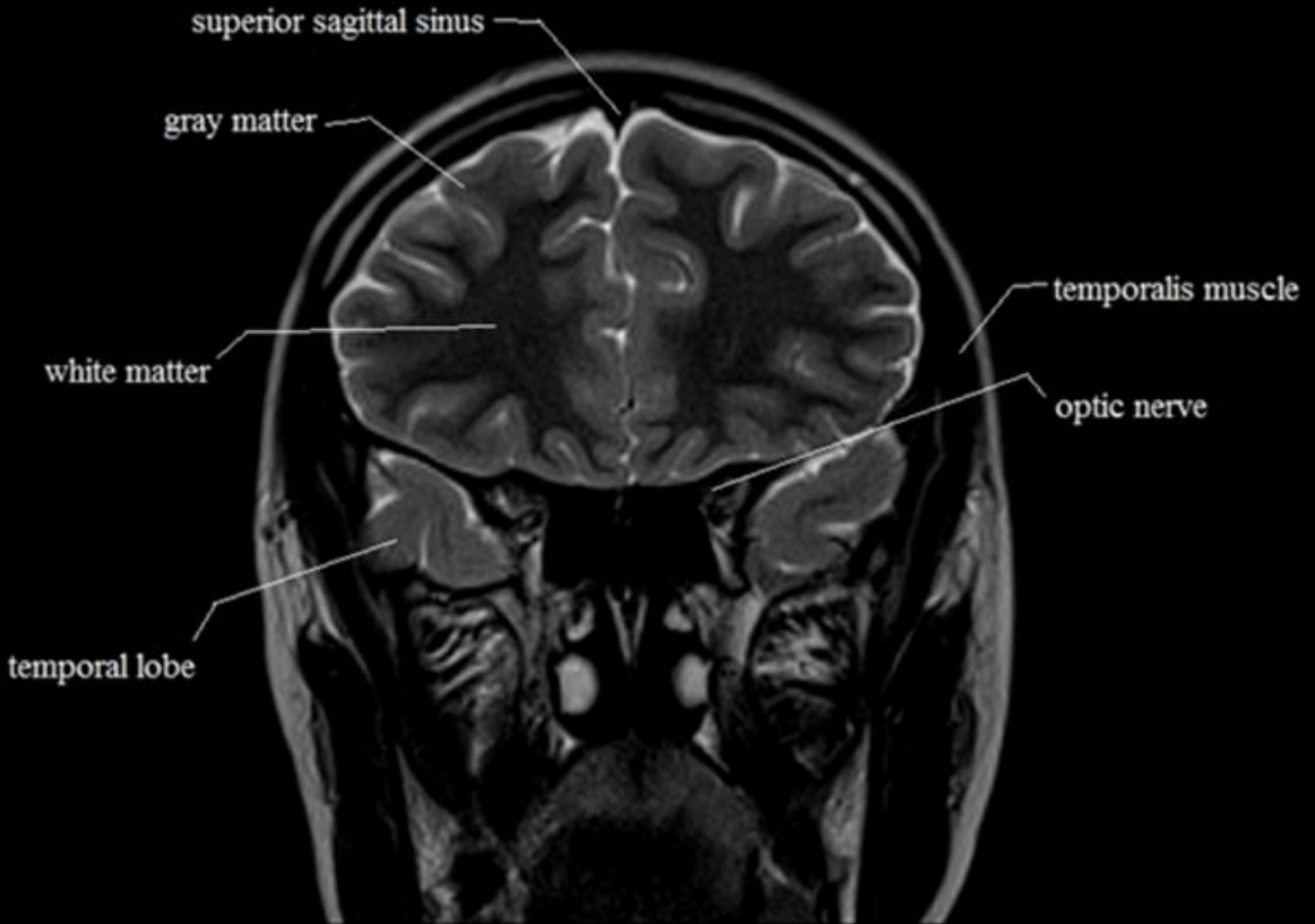
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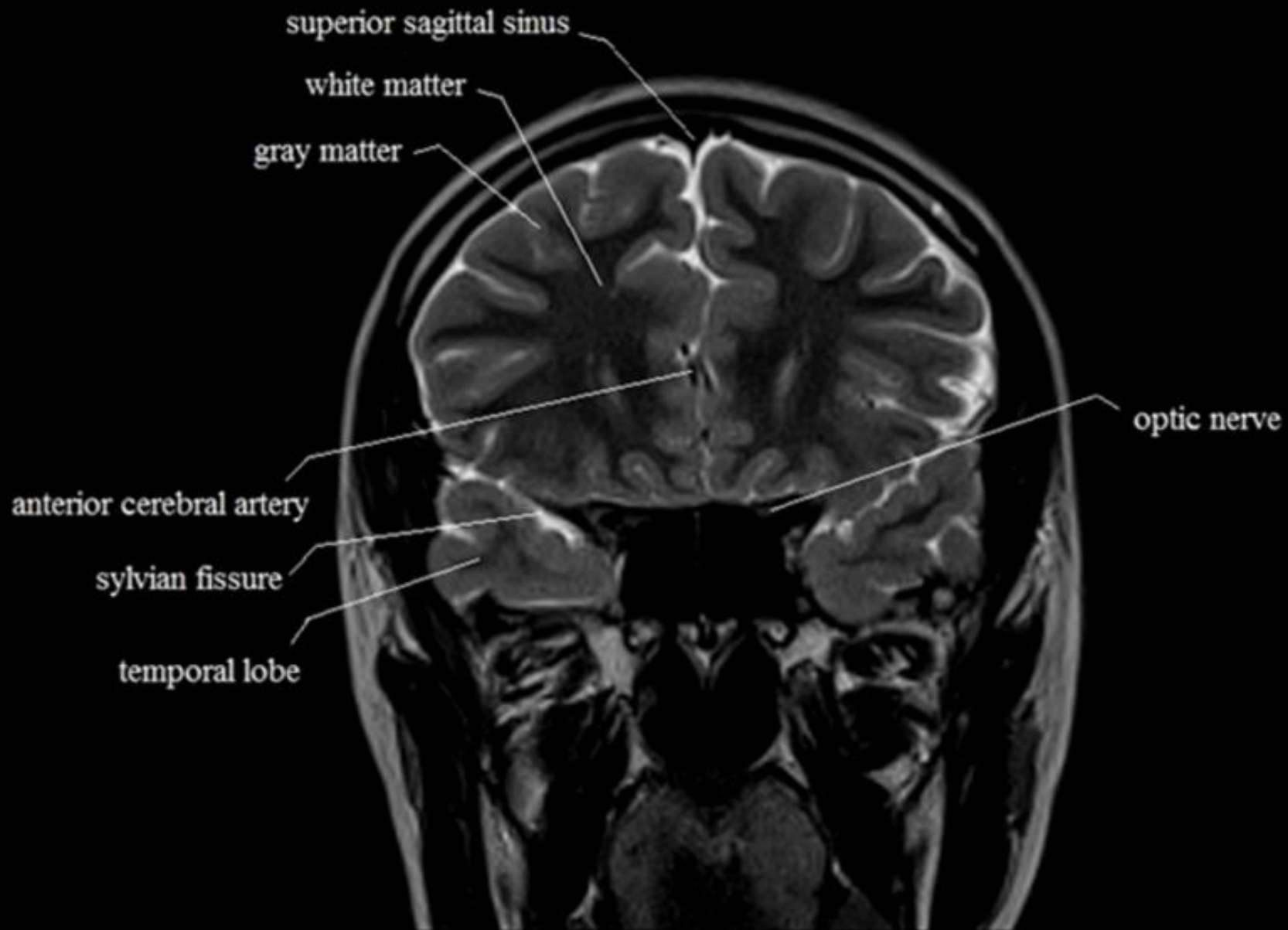
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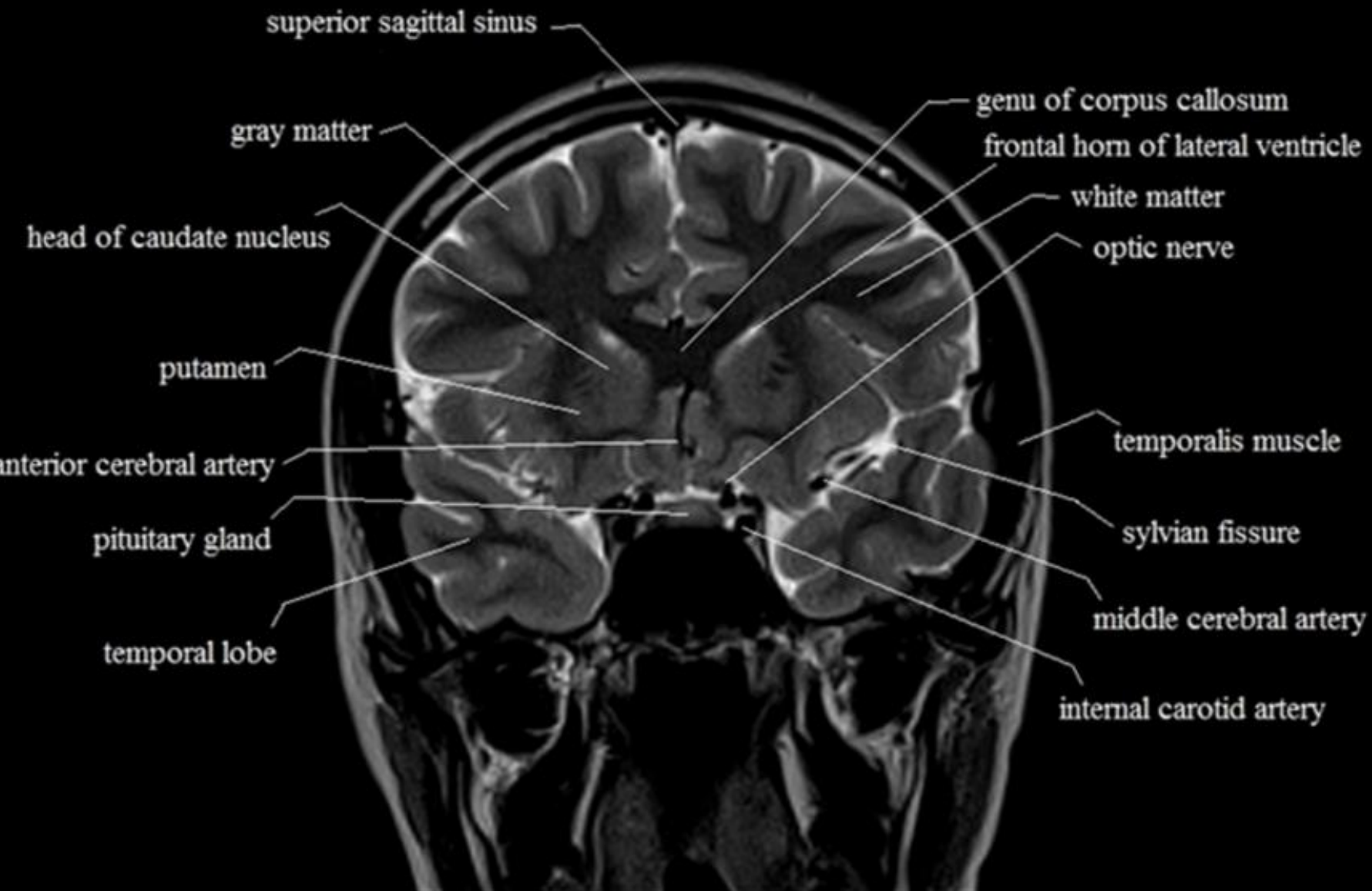
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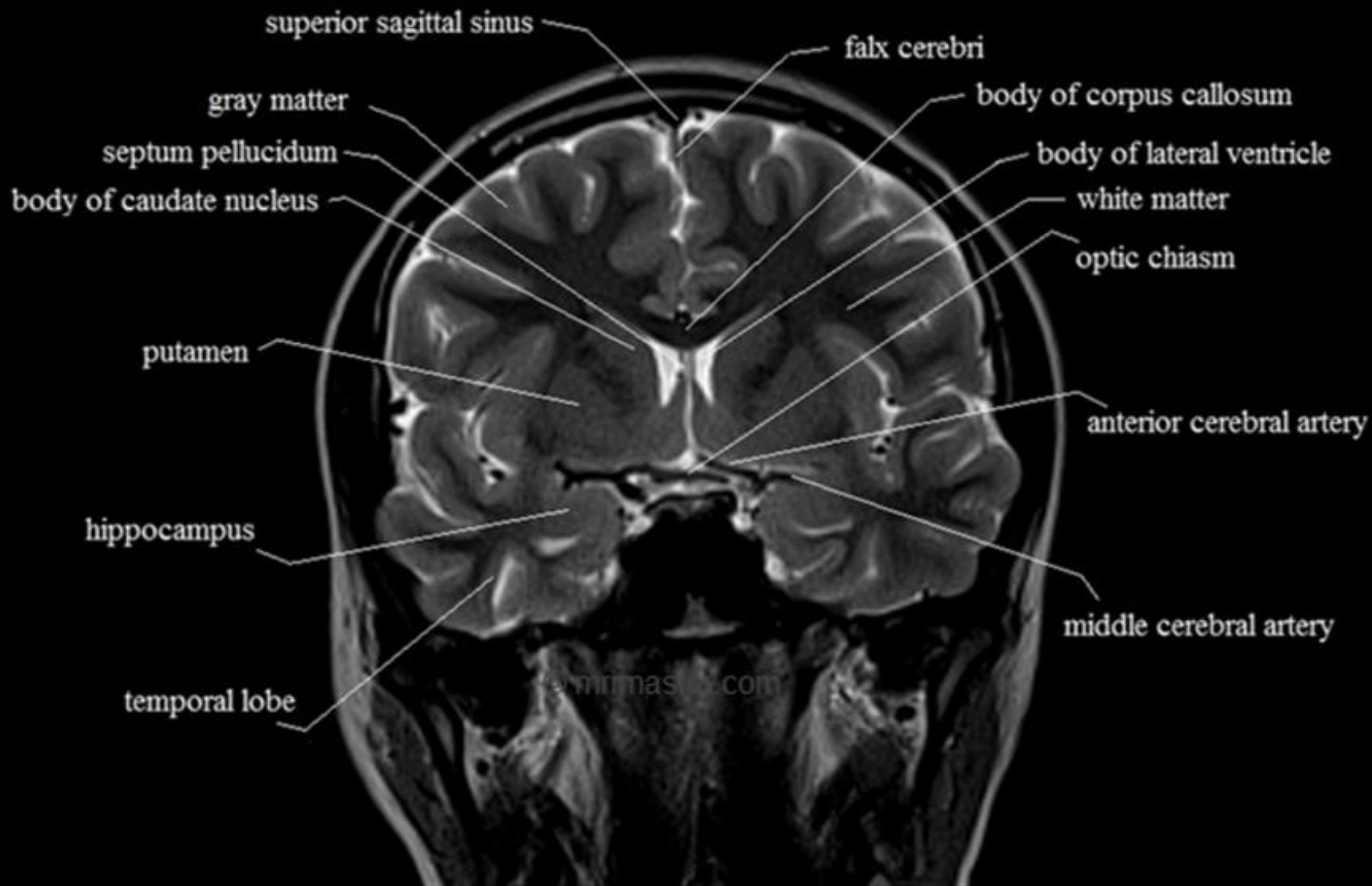
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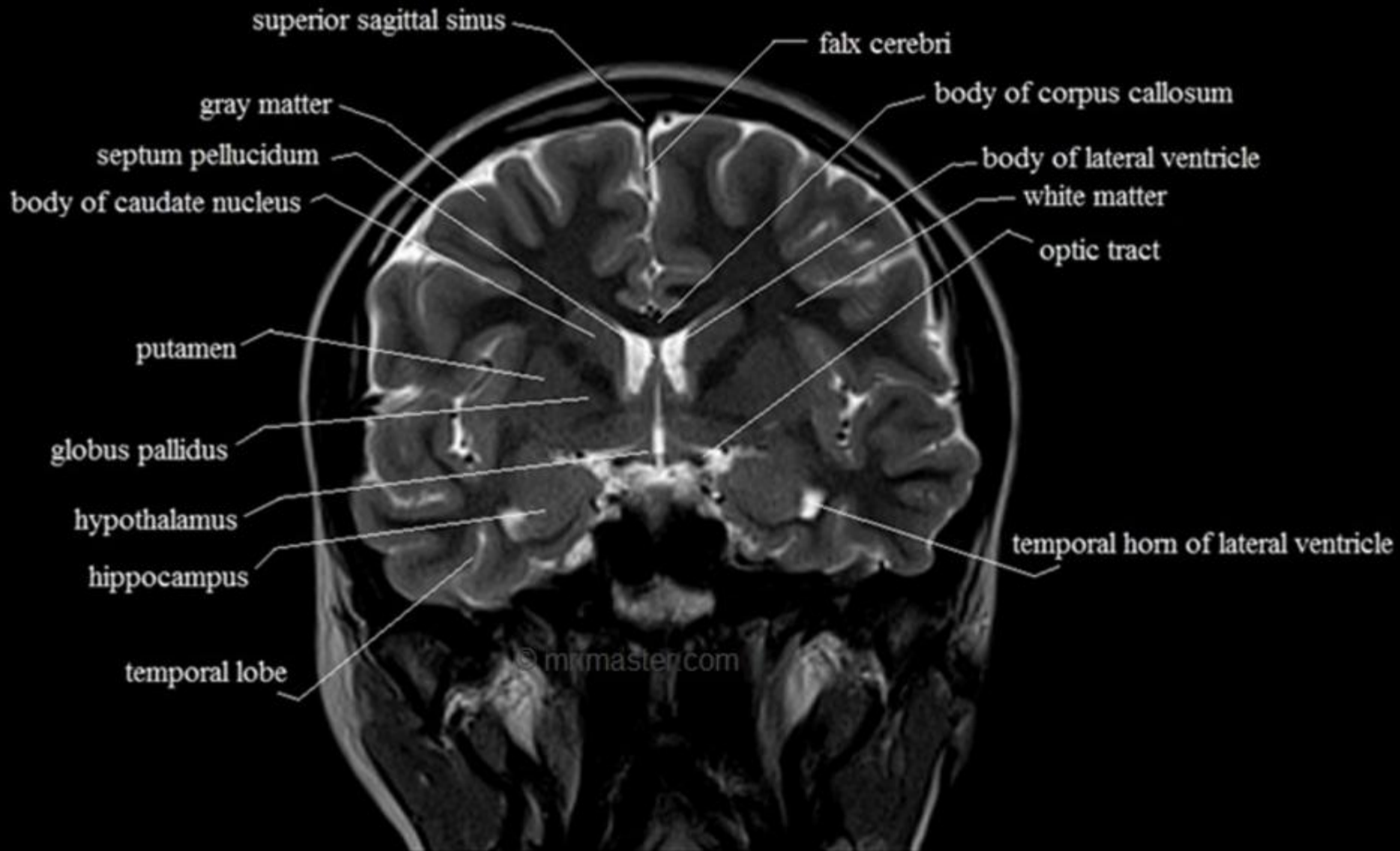


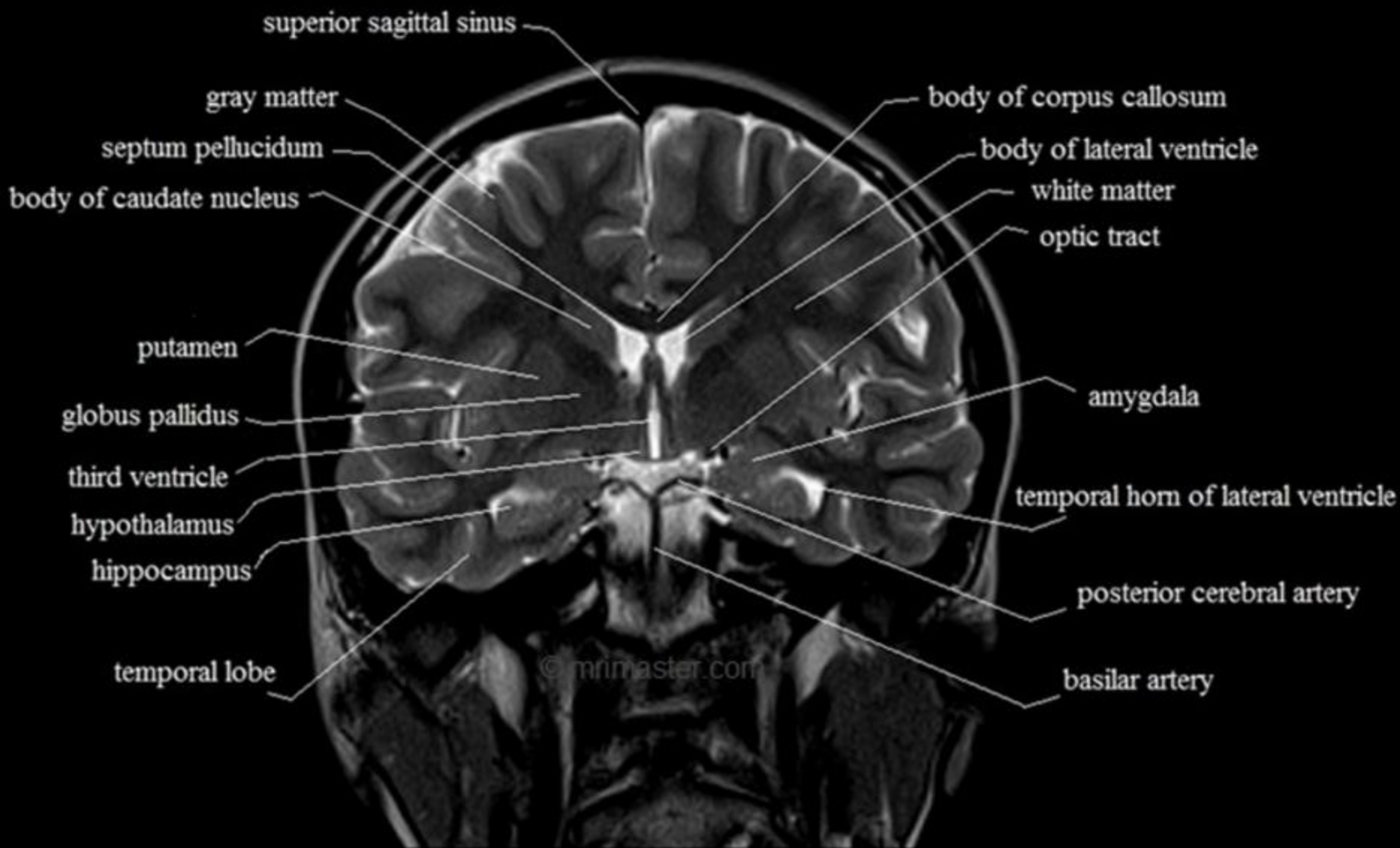


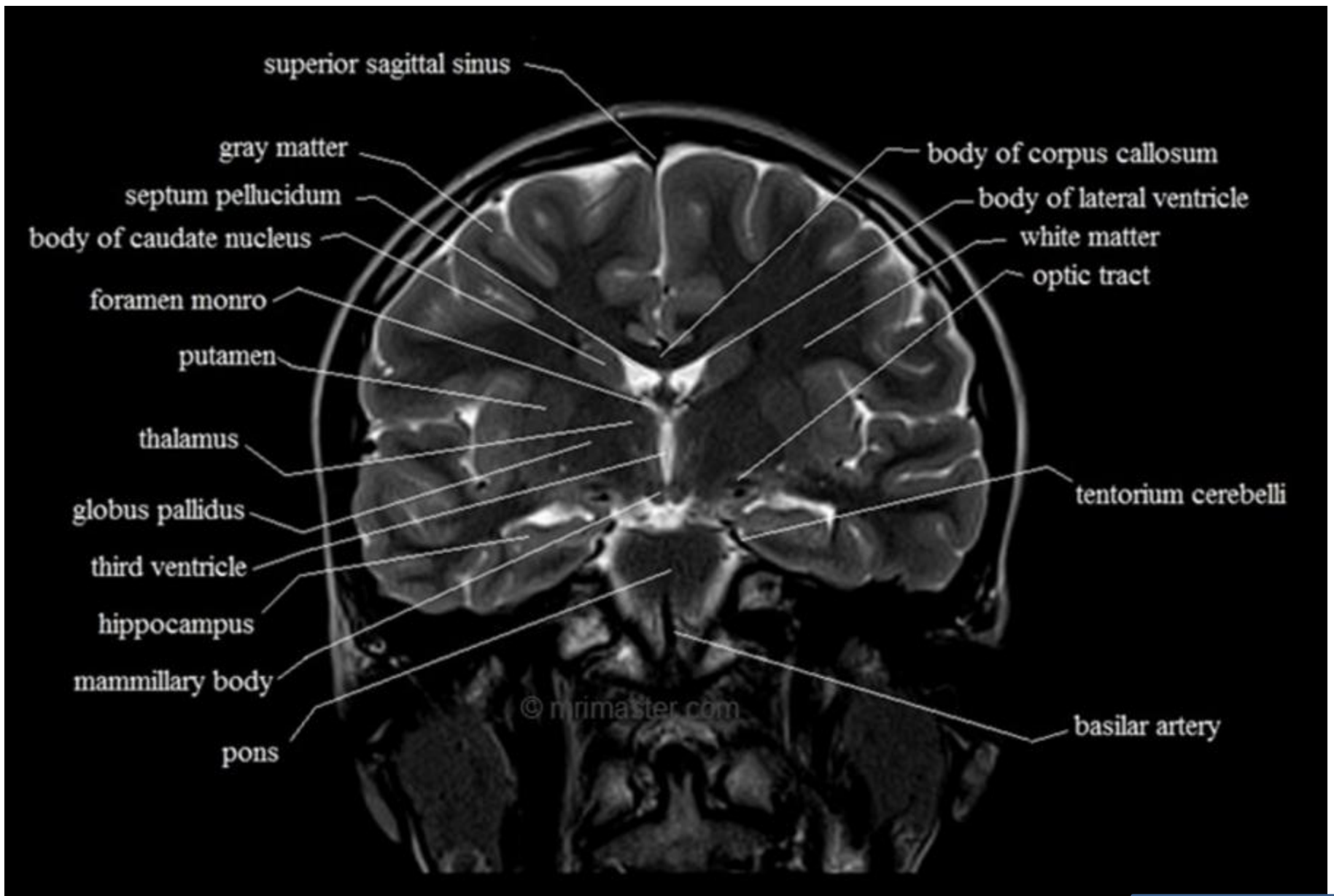


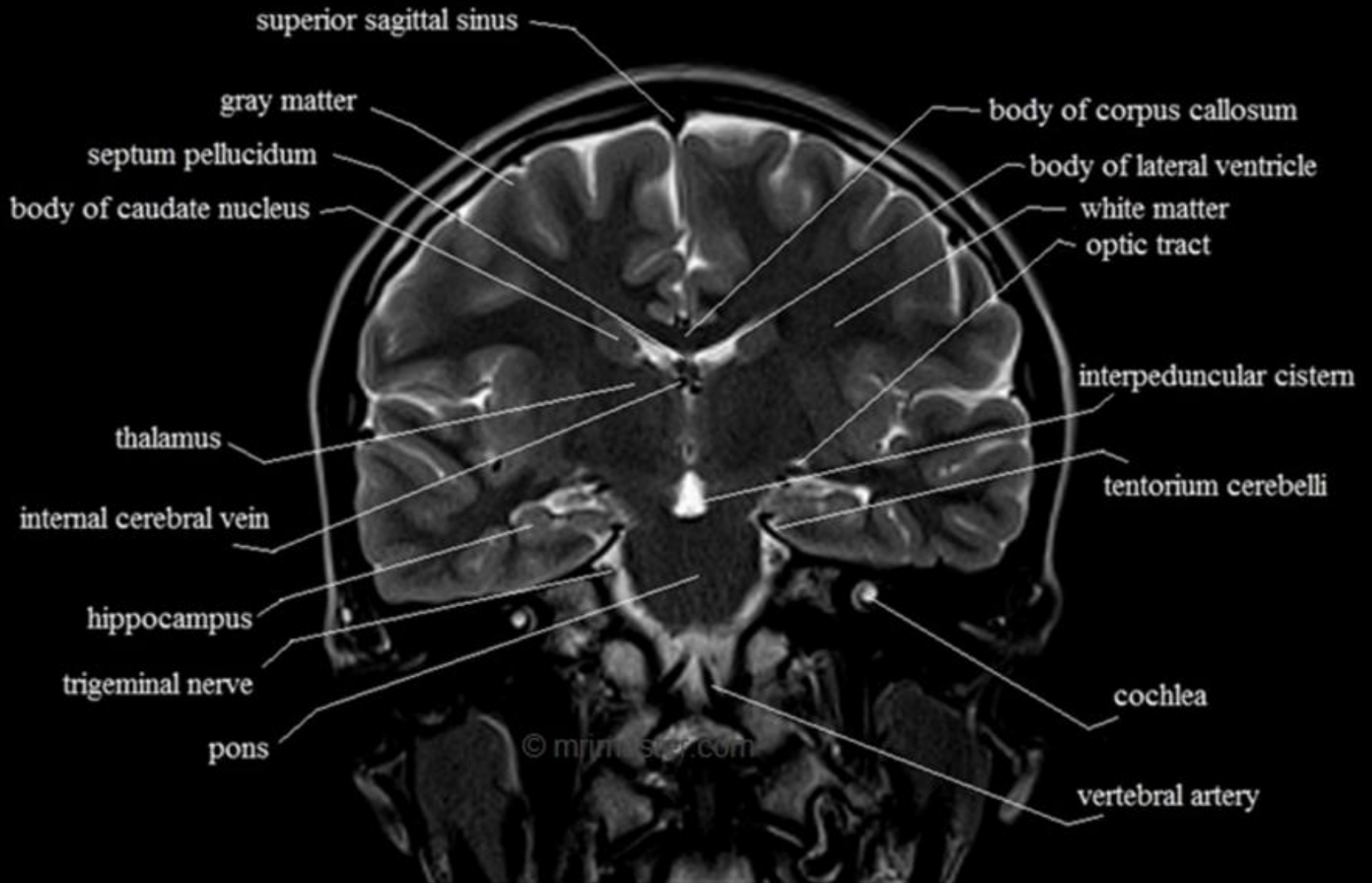


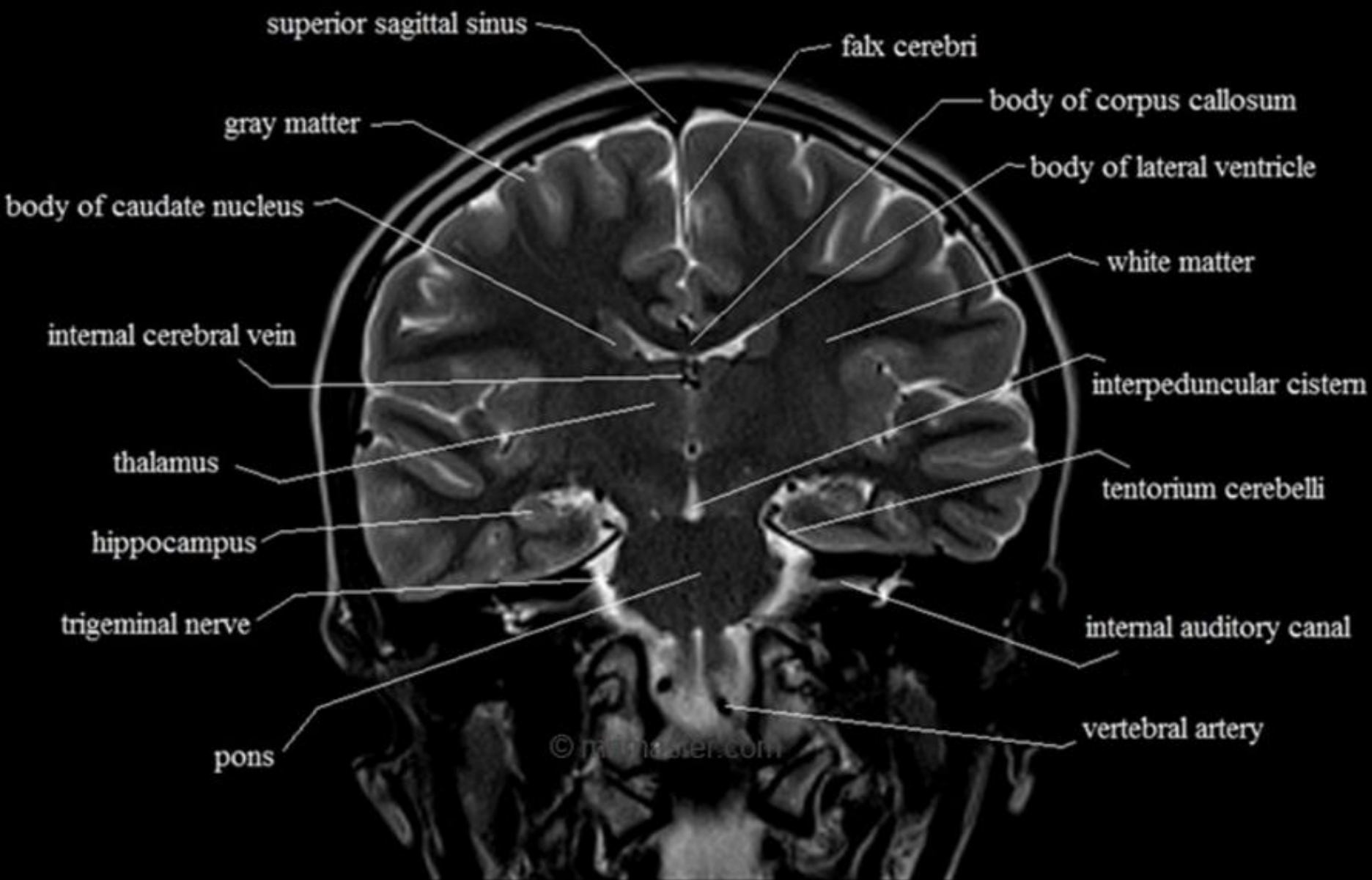


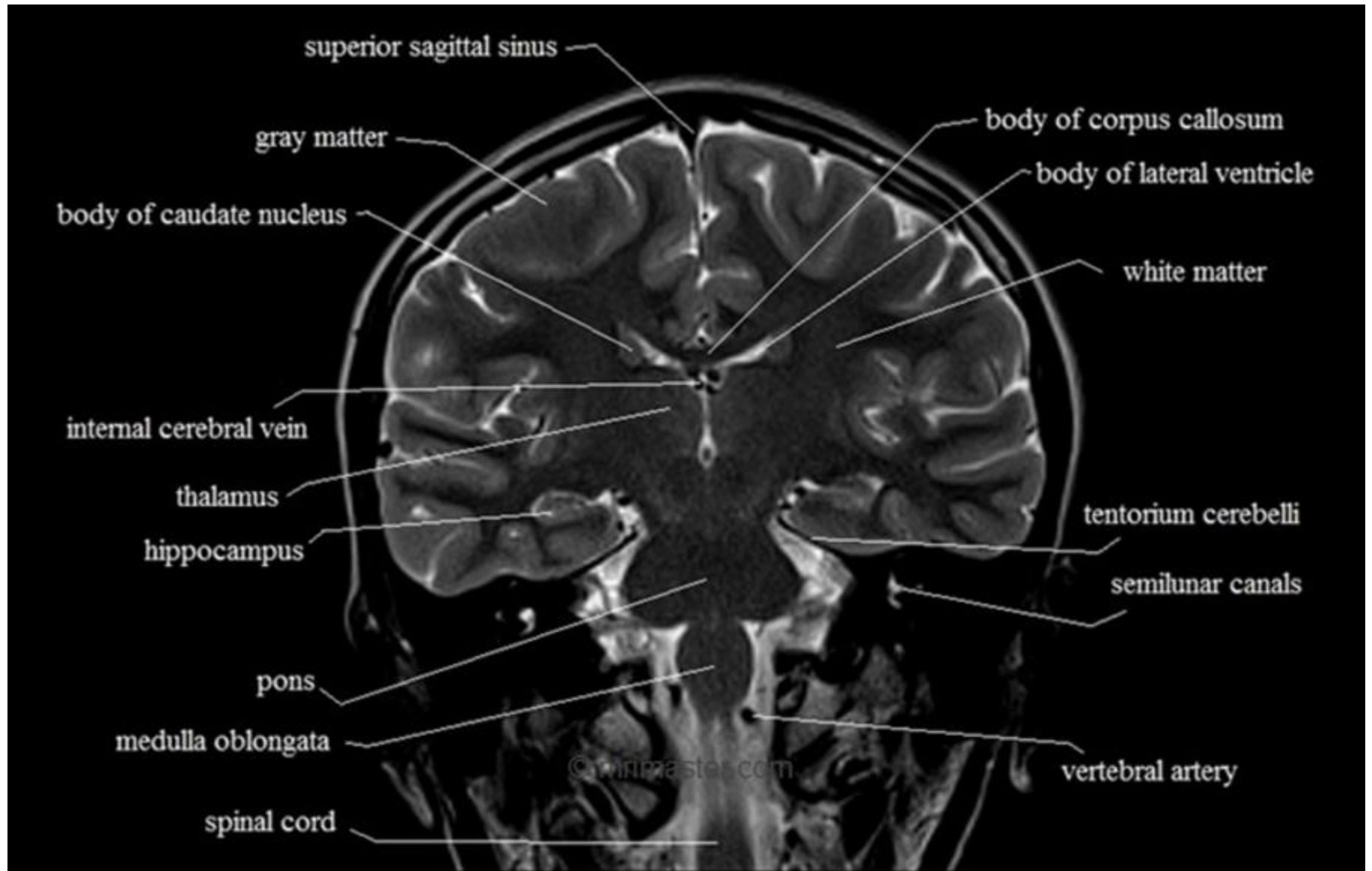


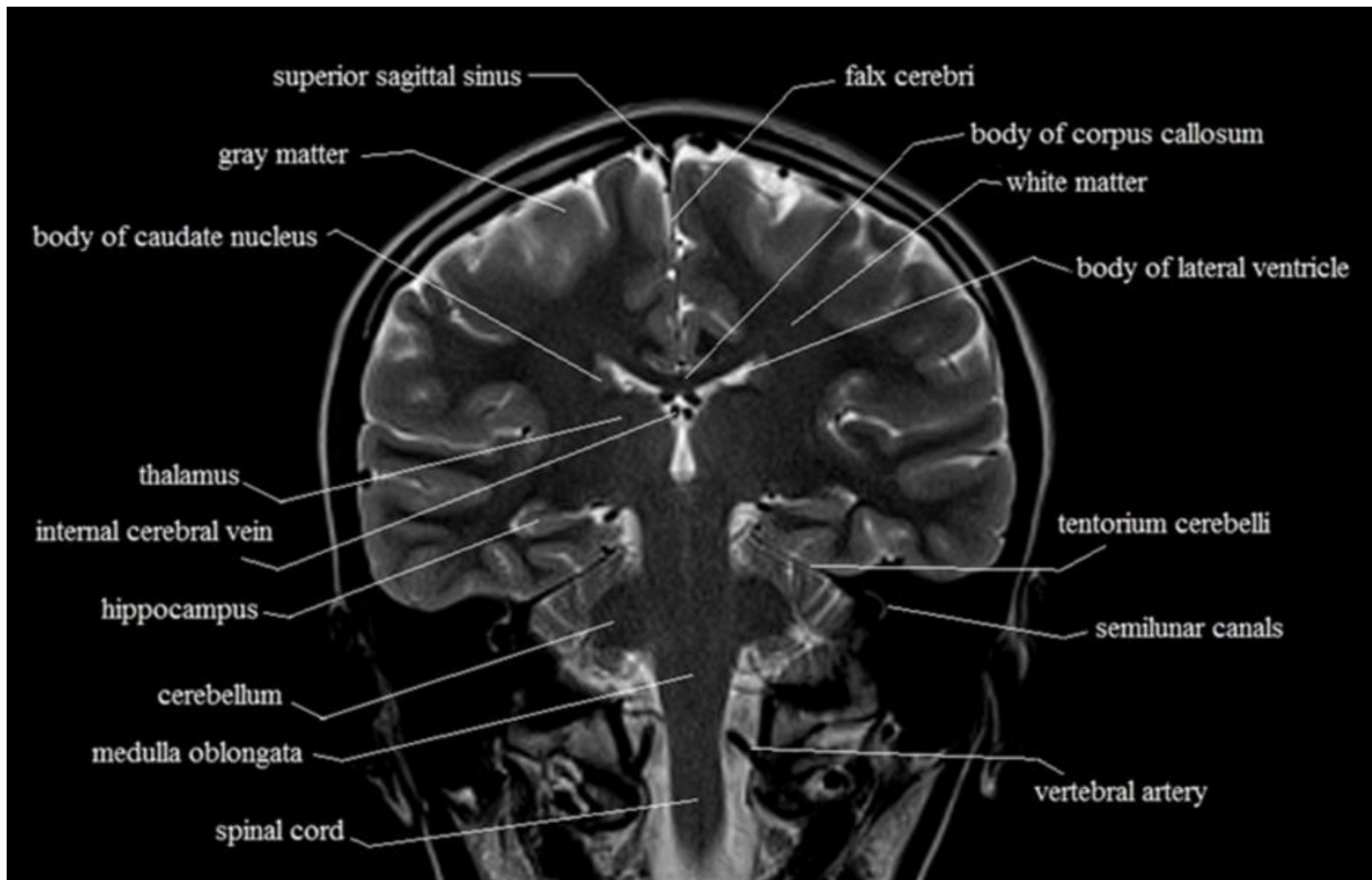


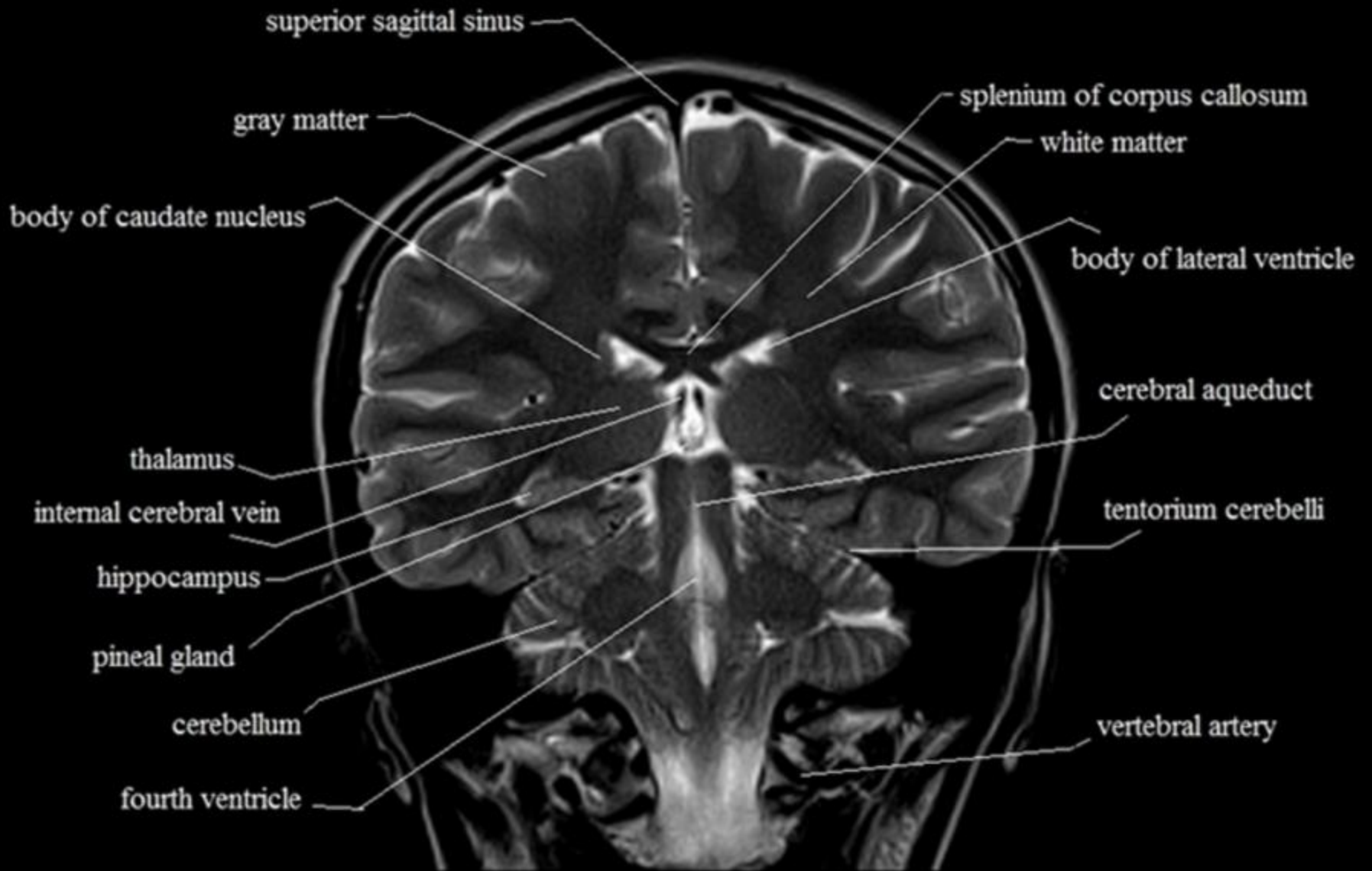


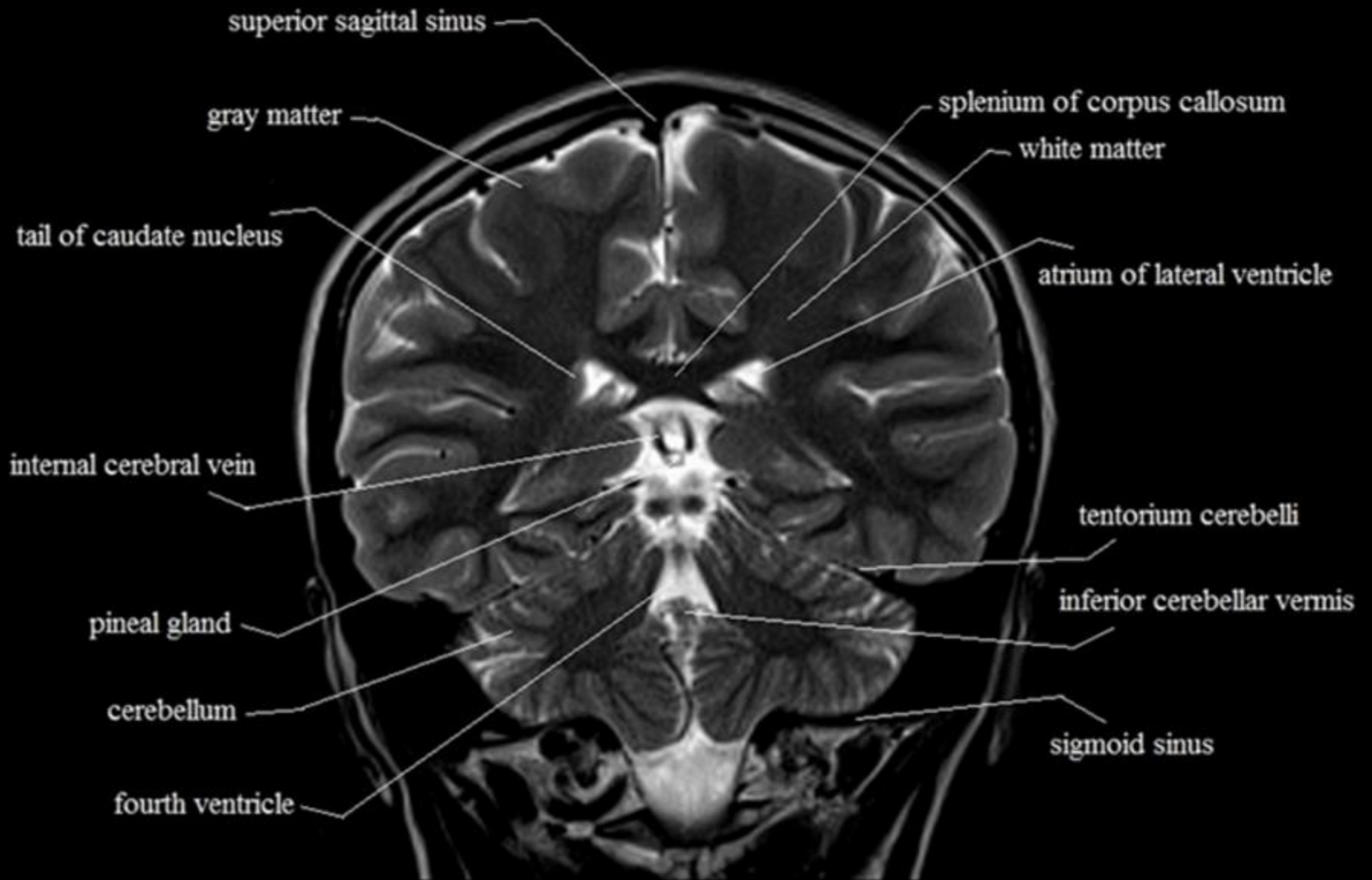


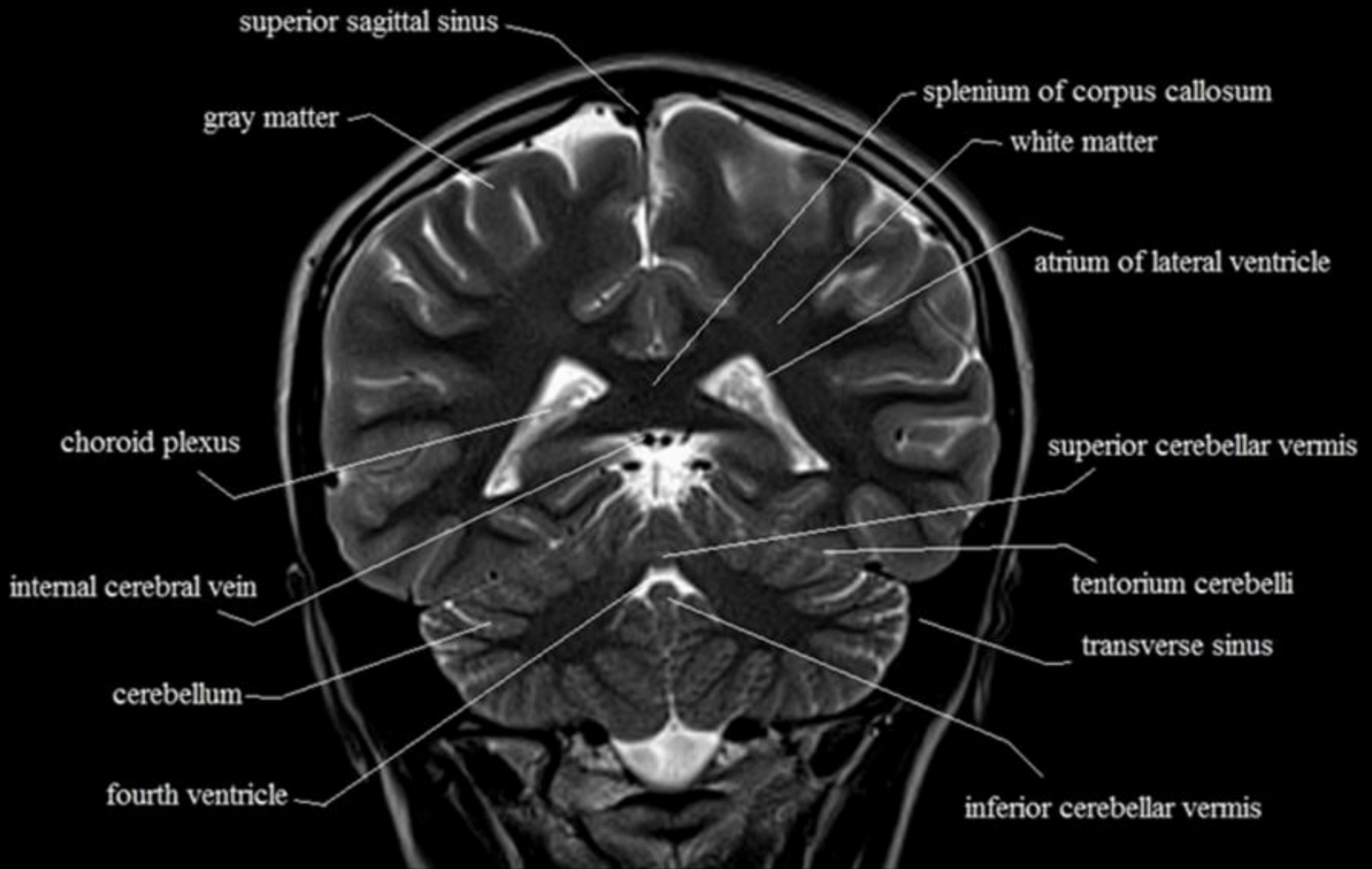


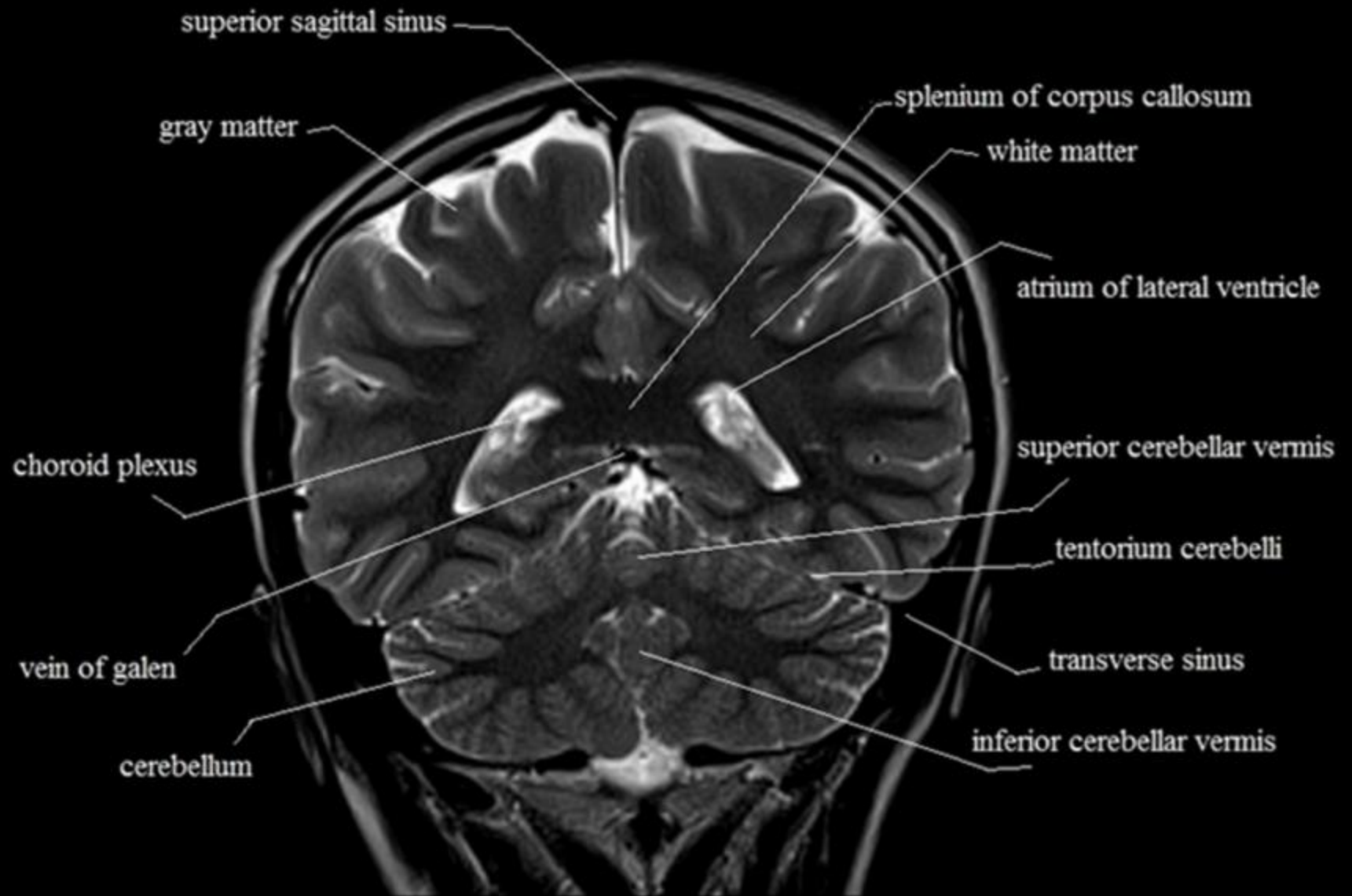


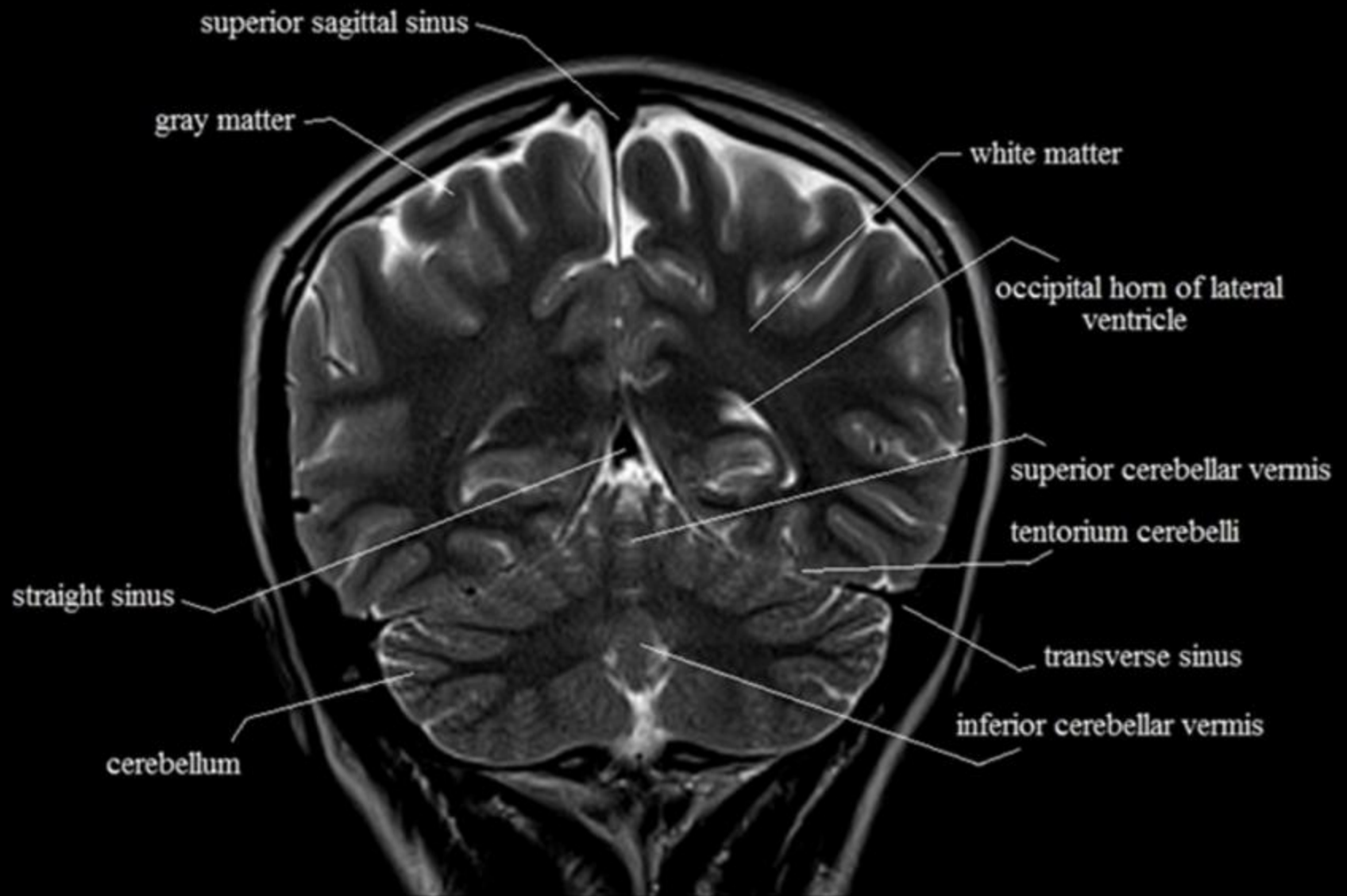


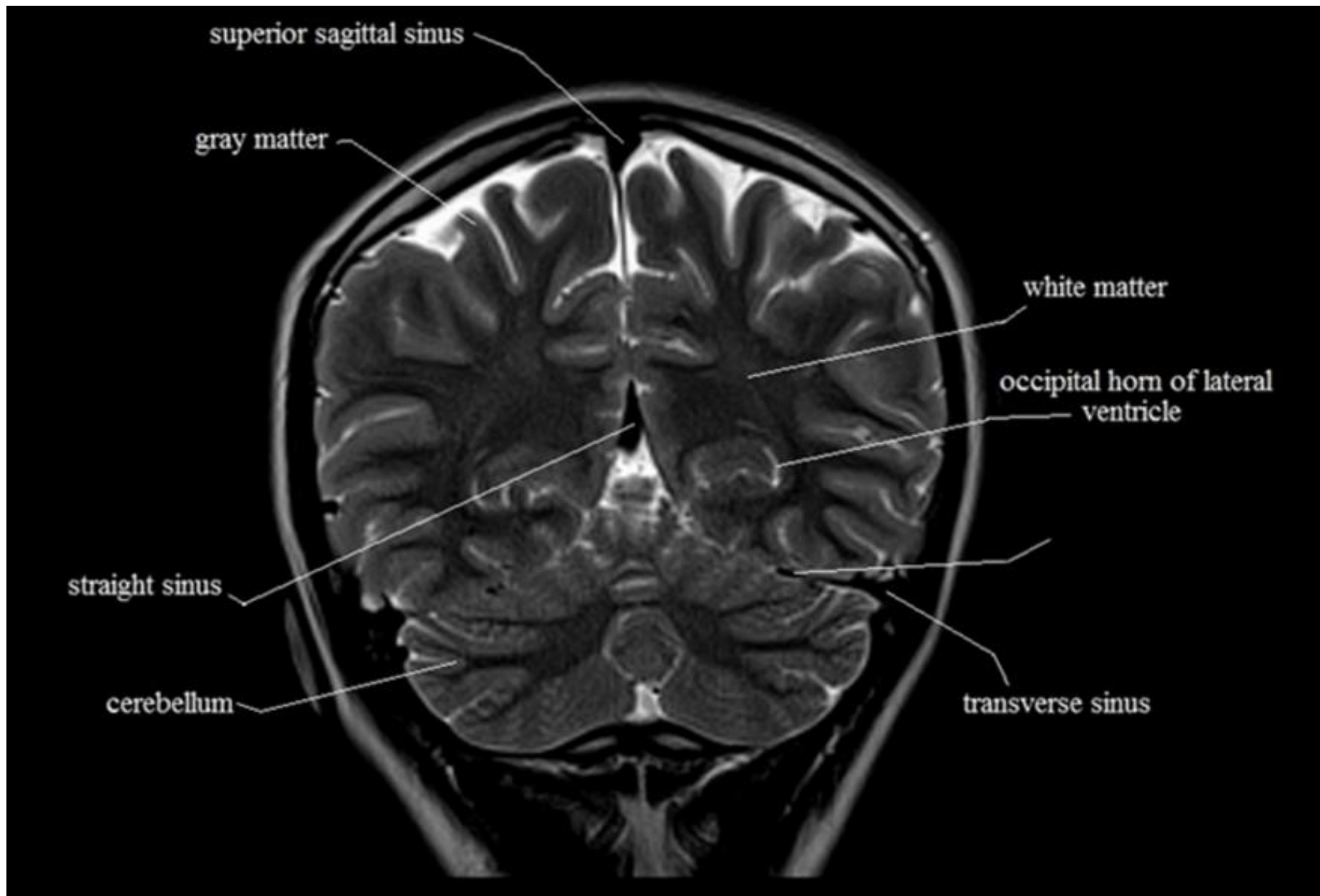


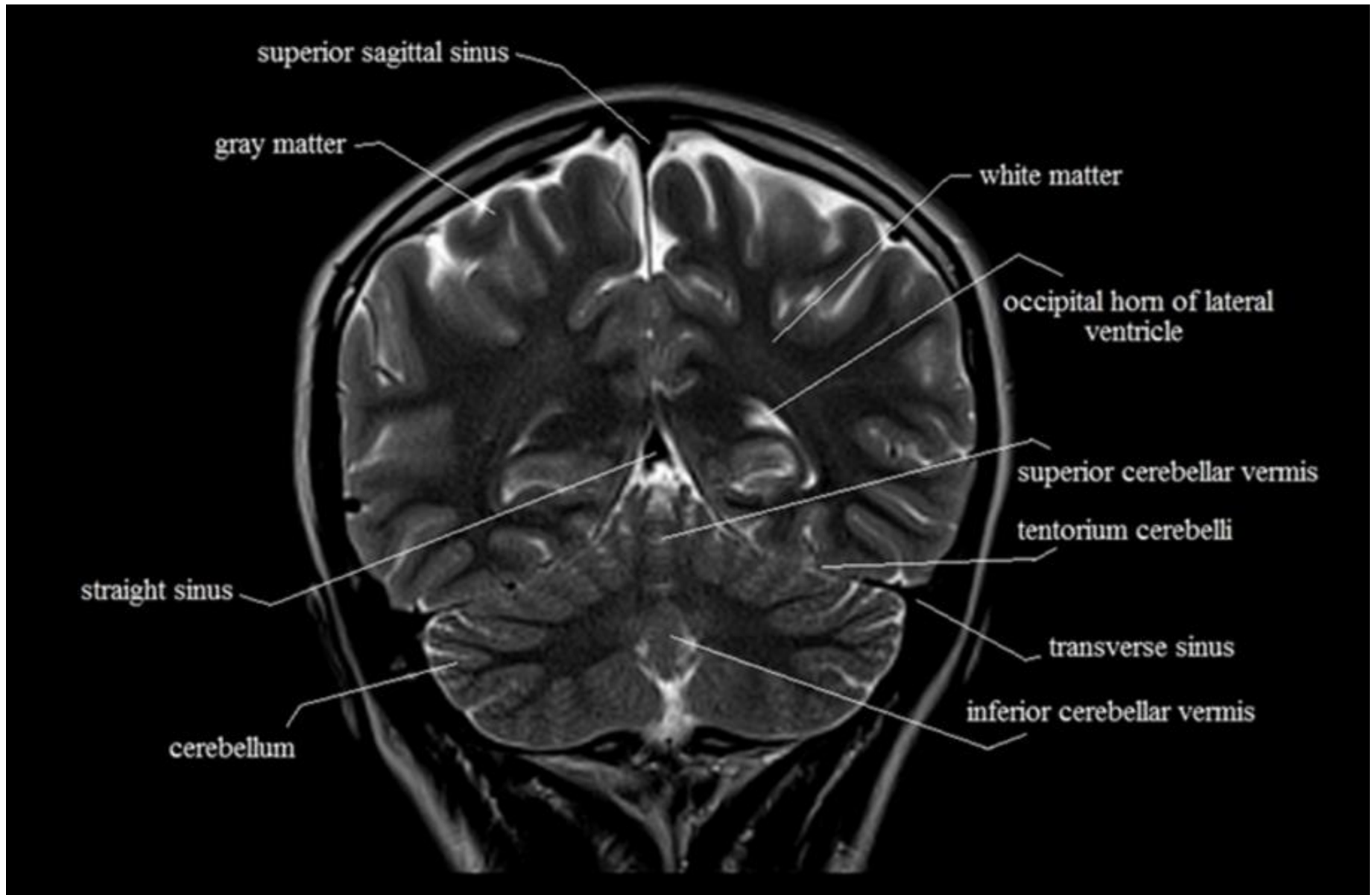


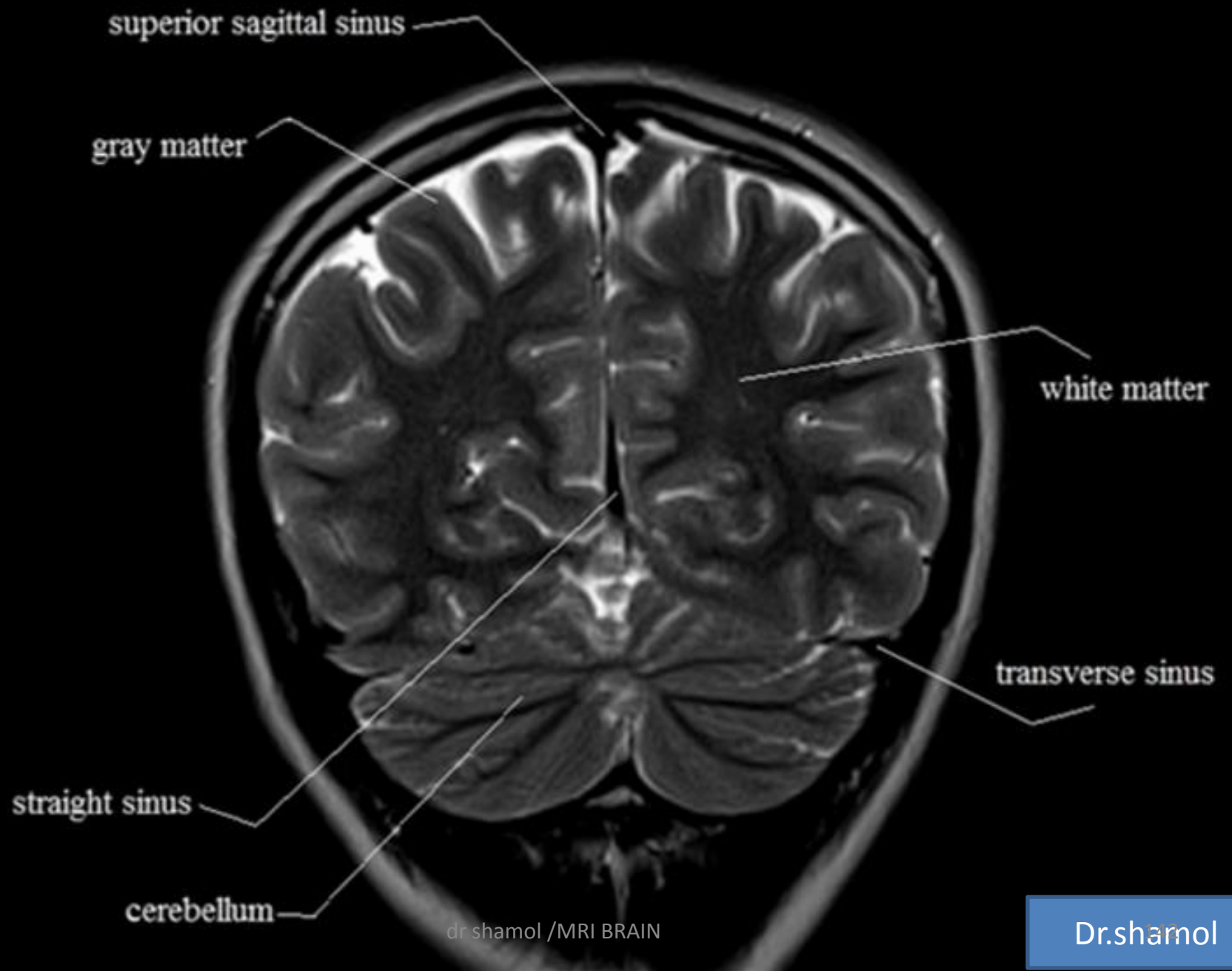


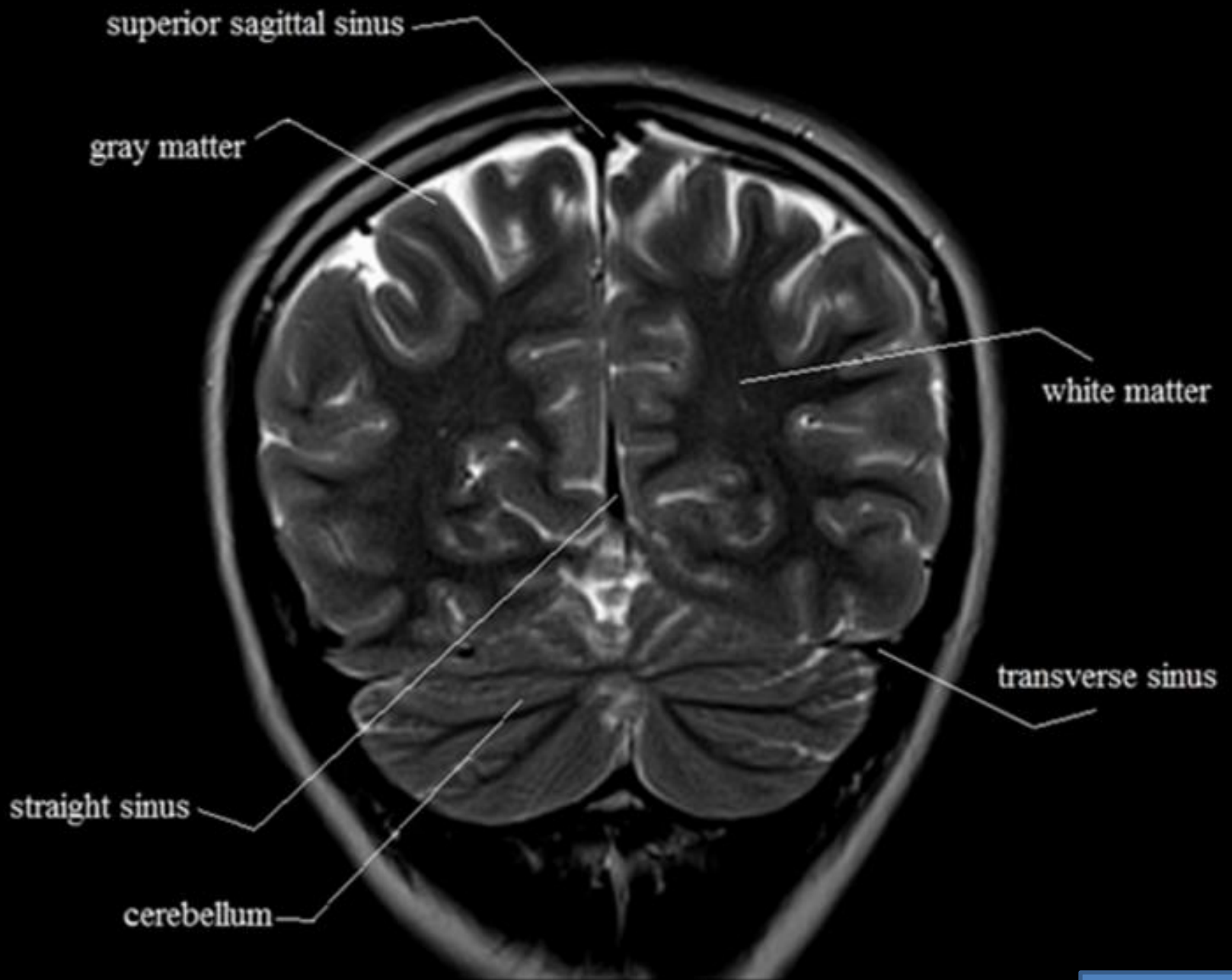


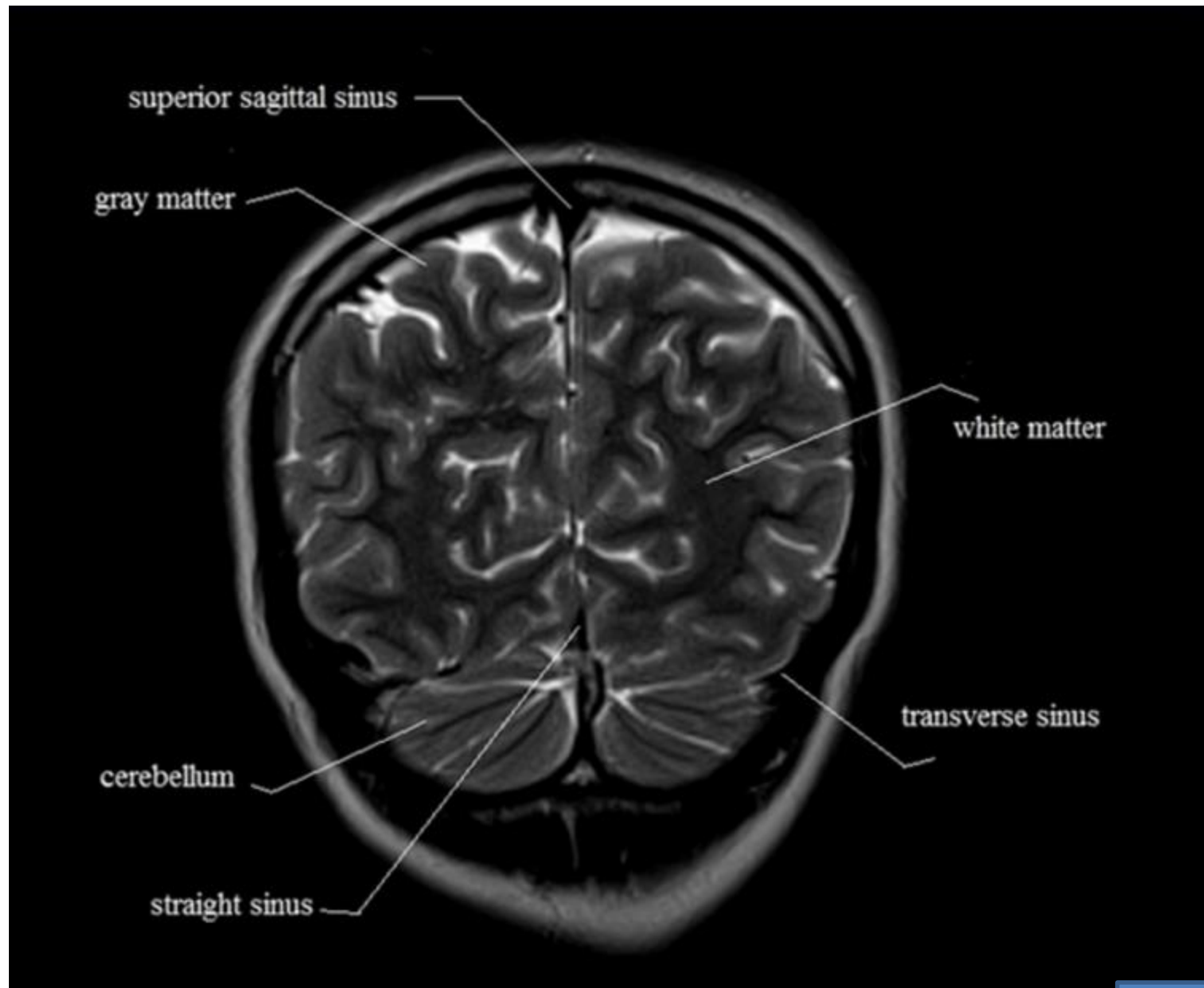


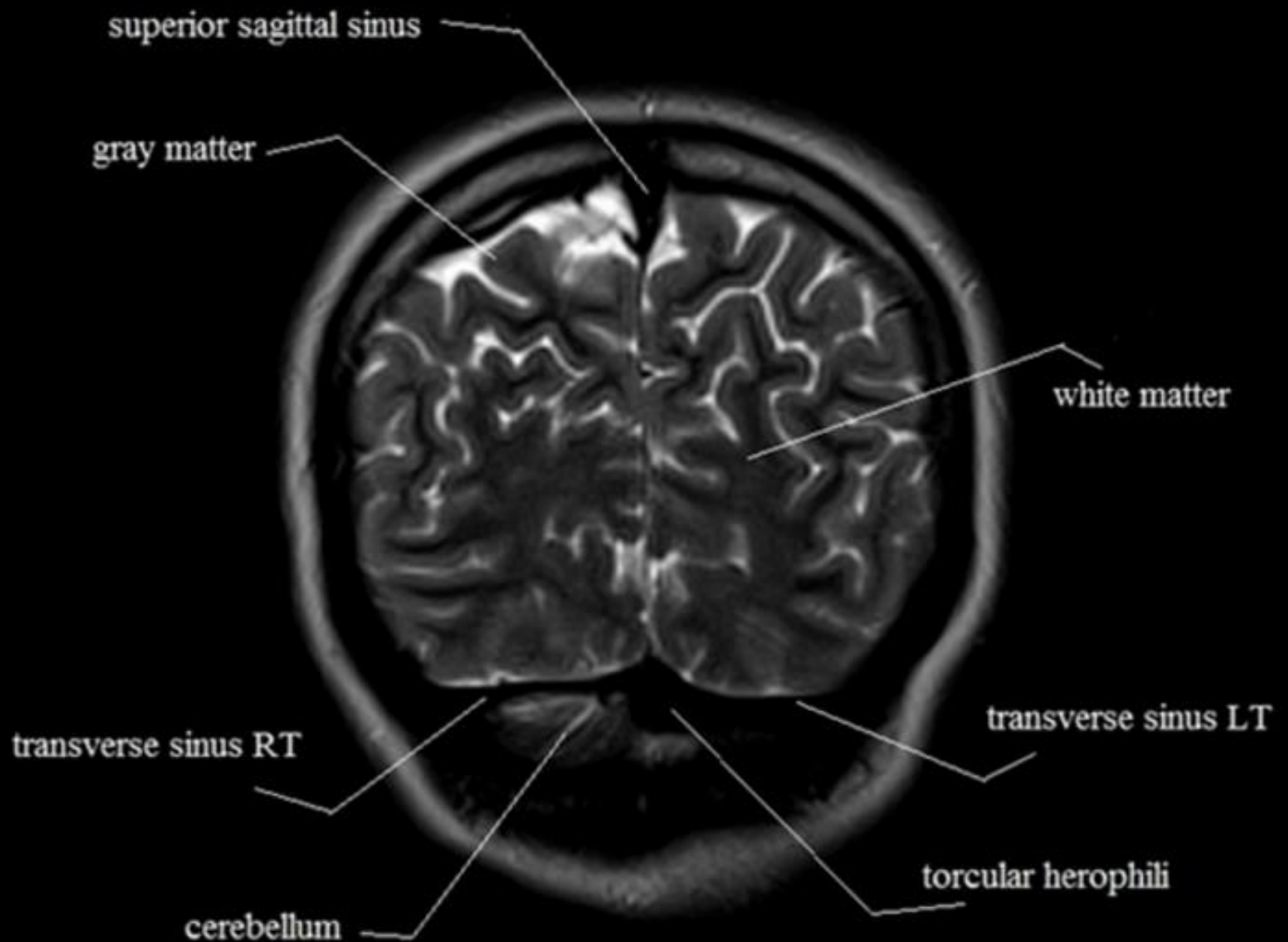












NOW IDENTIFY THE STRUCTURE'S BY YOUR SELF



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ROW -2

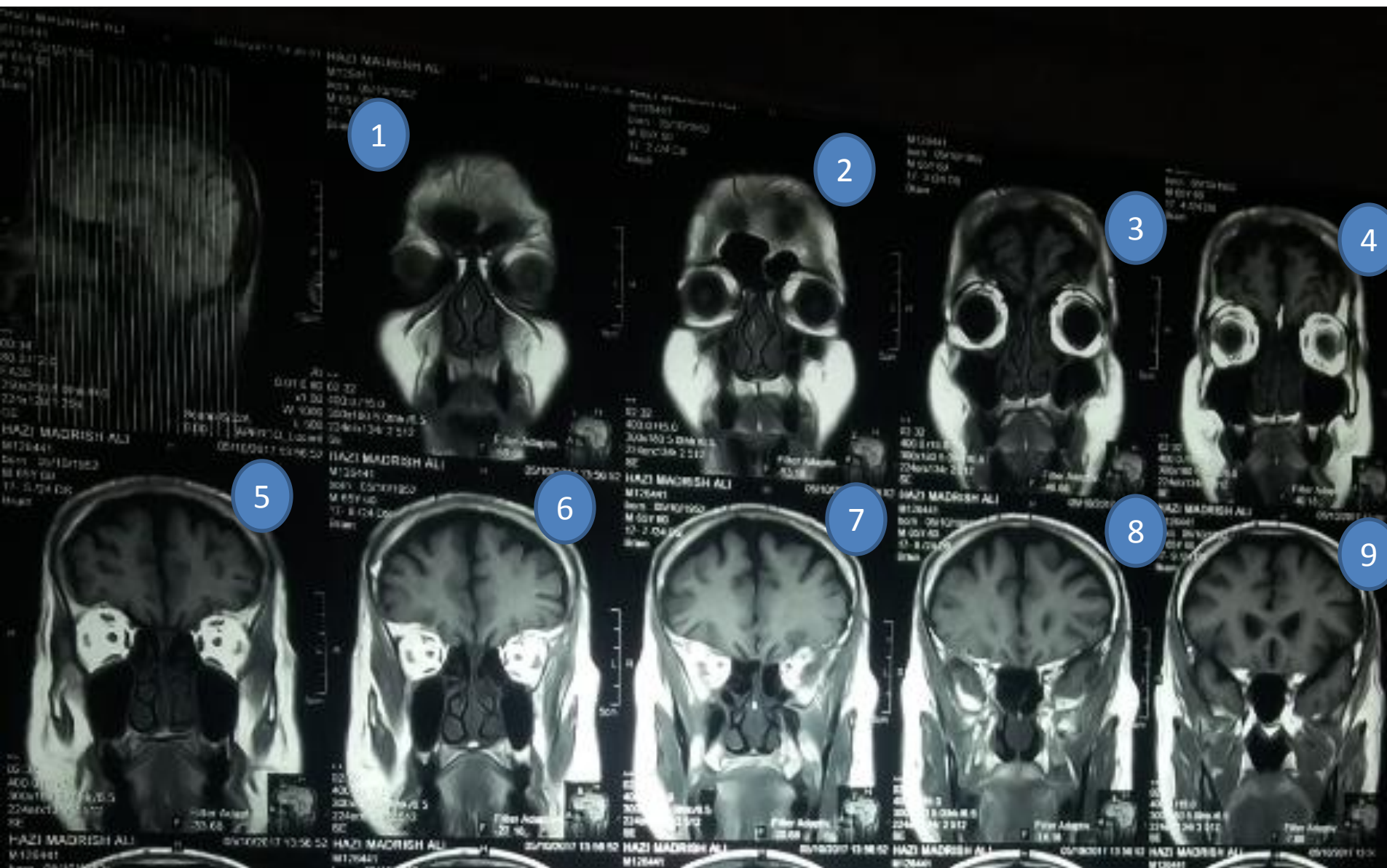
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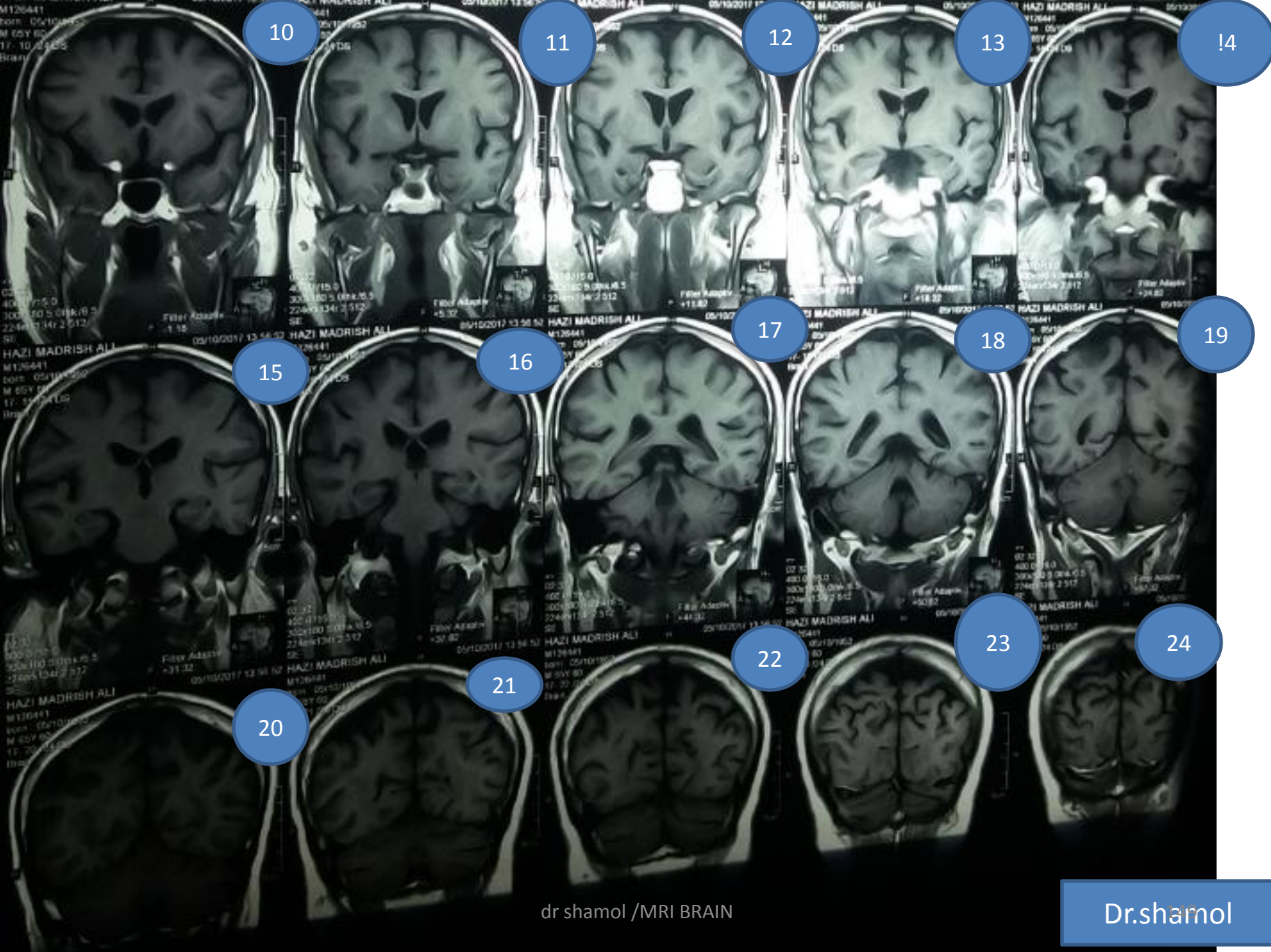
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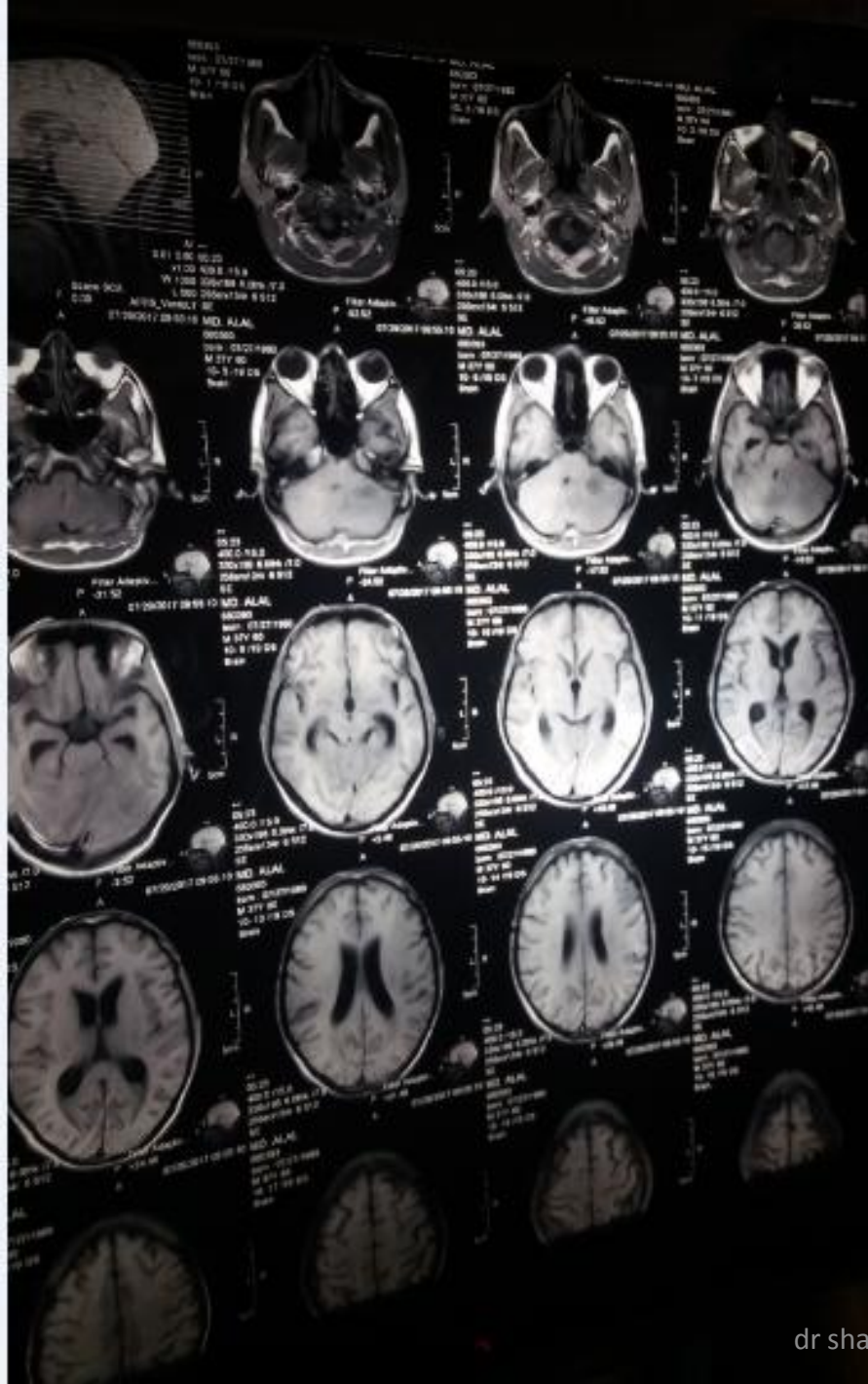
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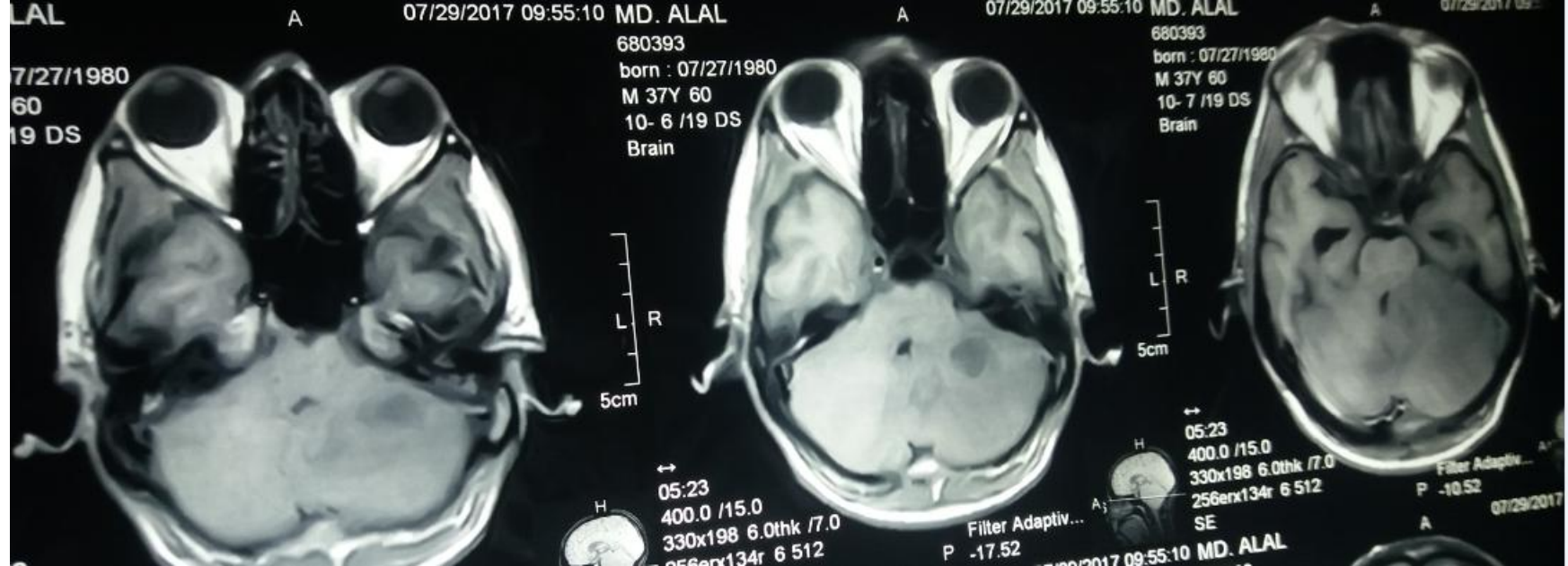


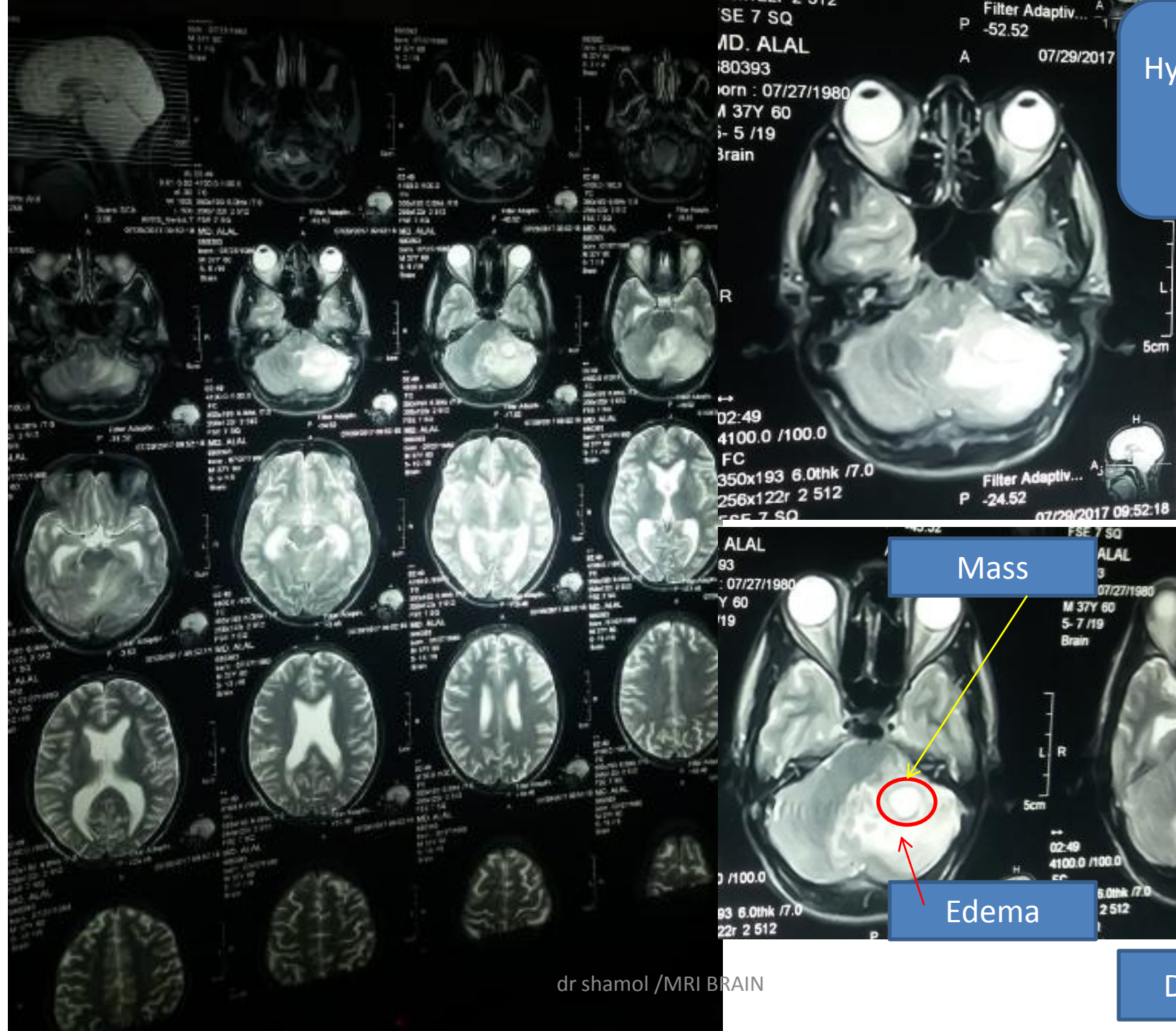


Lesion in MRI

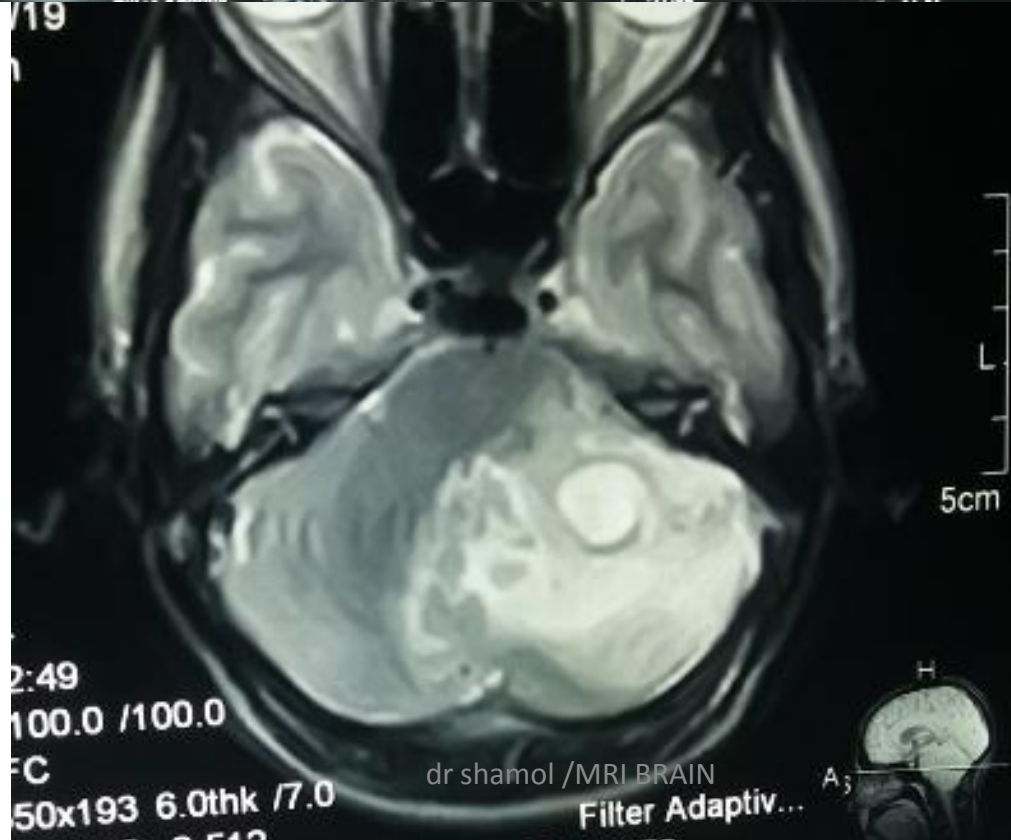
Hypointens
(black) lesion
In brain
In T1

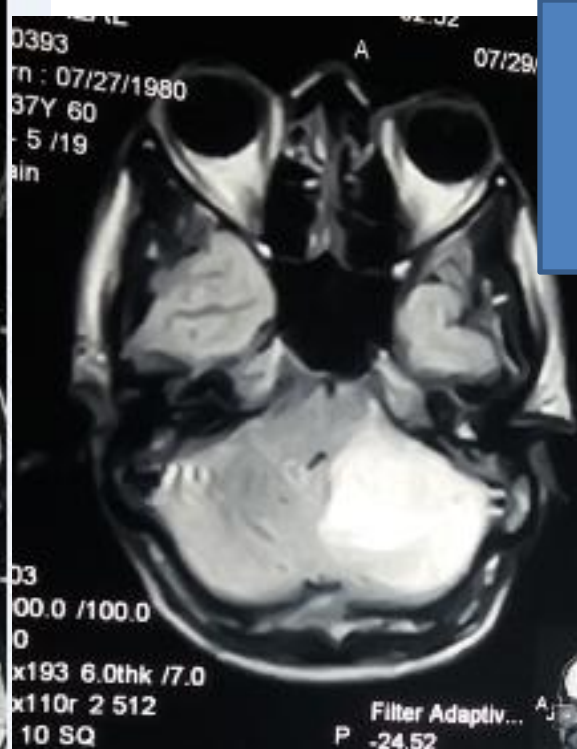




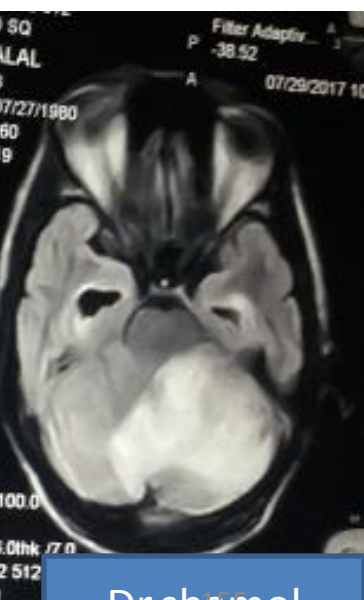


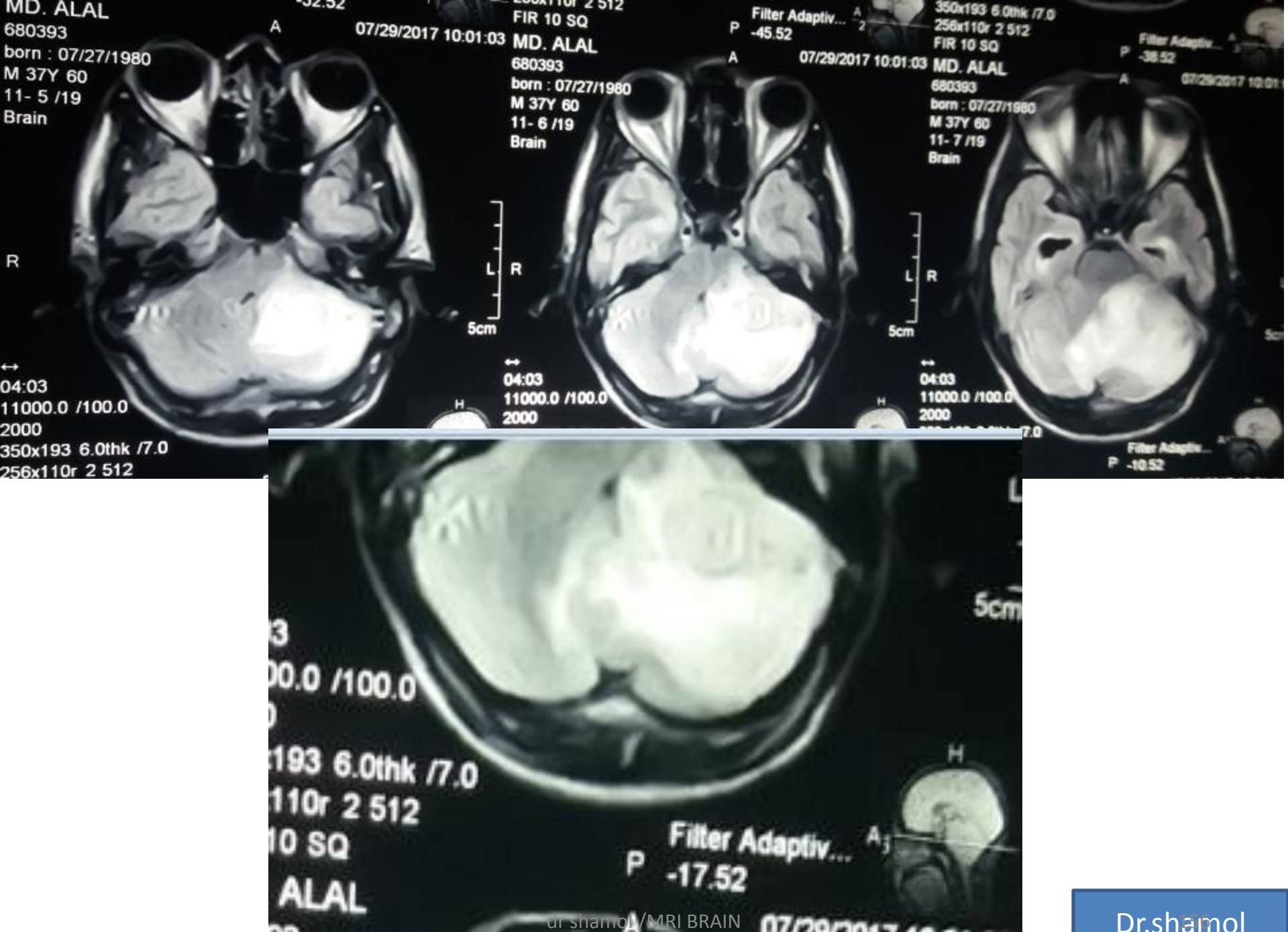
Hyper-intens
(white)
In T2

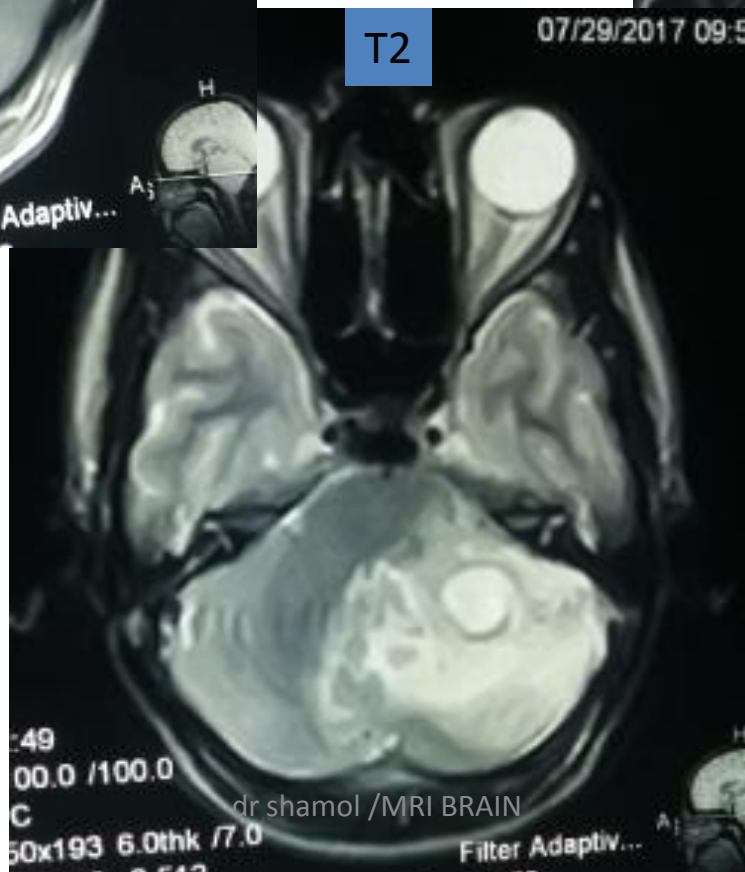
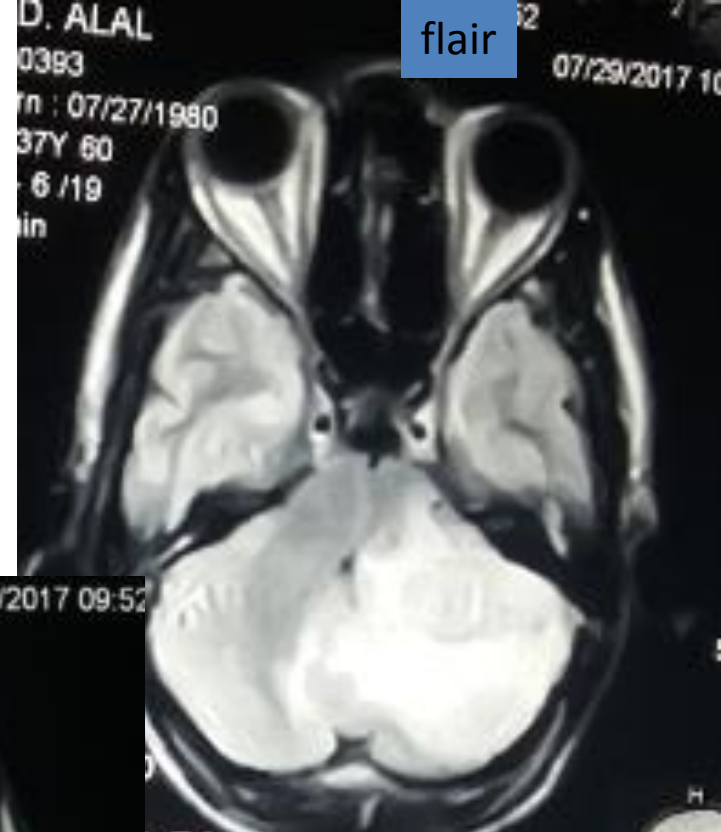
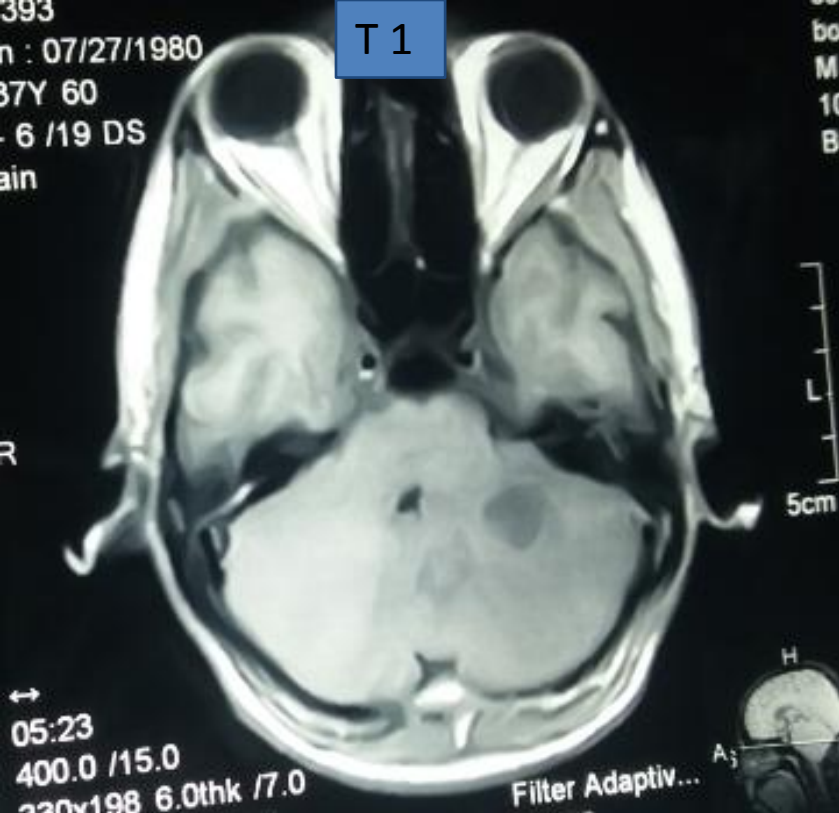




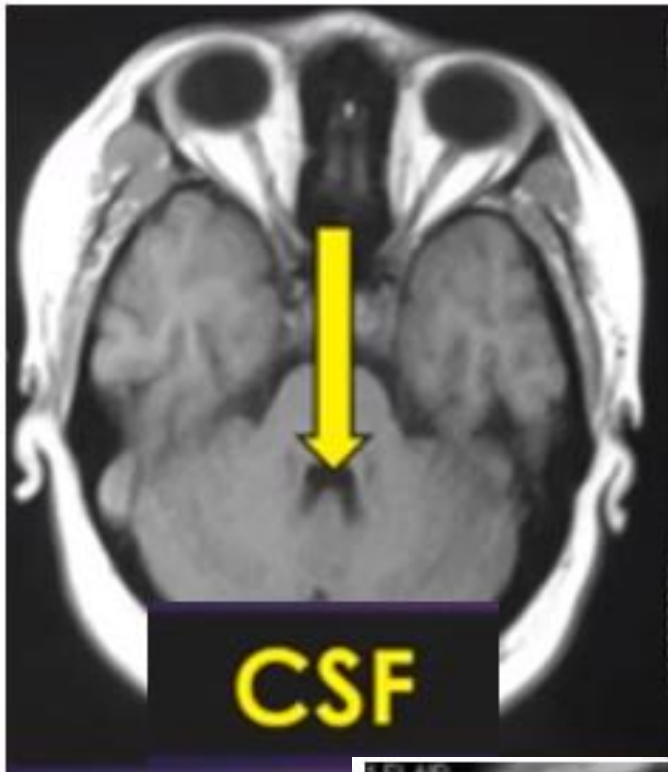
Hyper-intens
(white)
In FLAIR



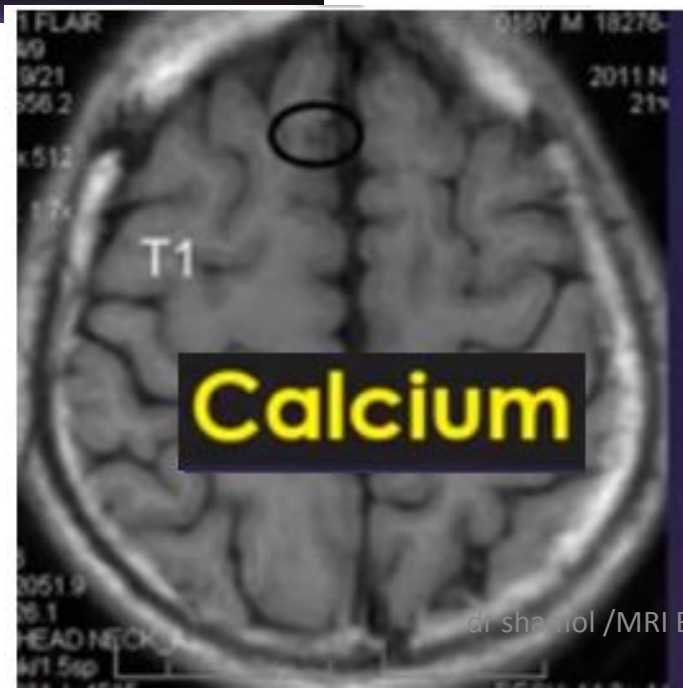


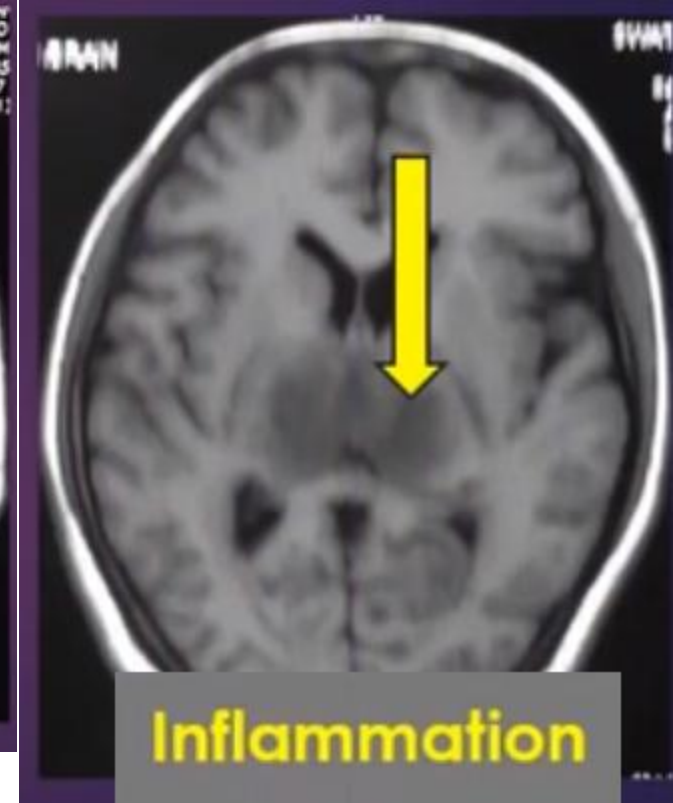
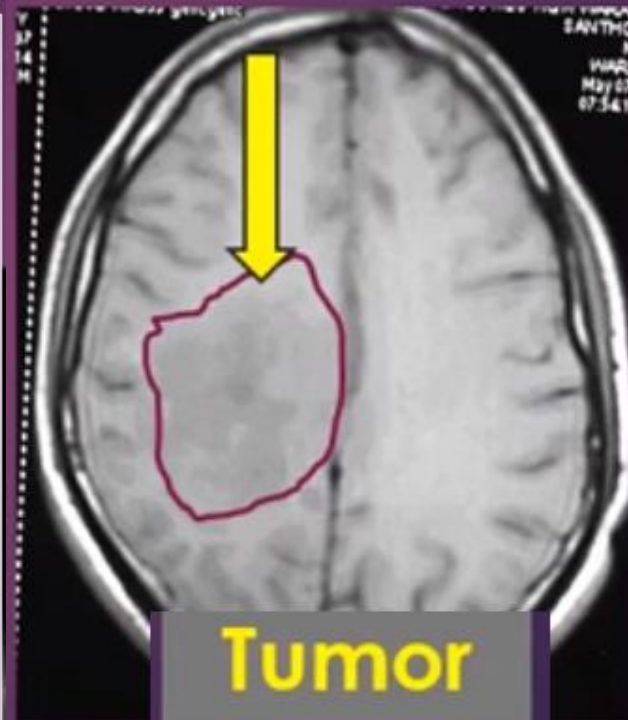


Structures look grey
&
Structures look dark
Structures look white
In T1



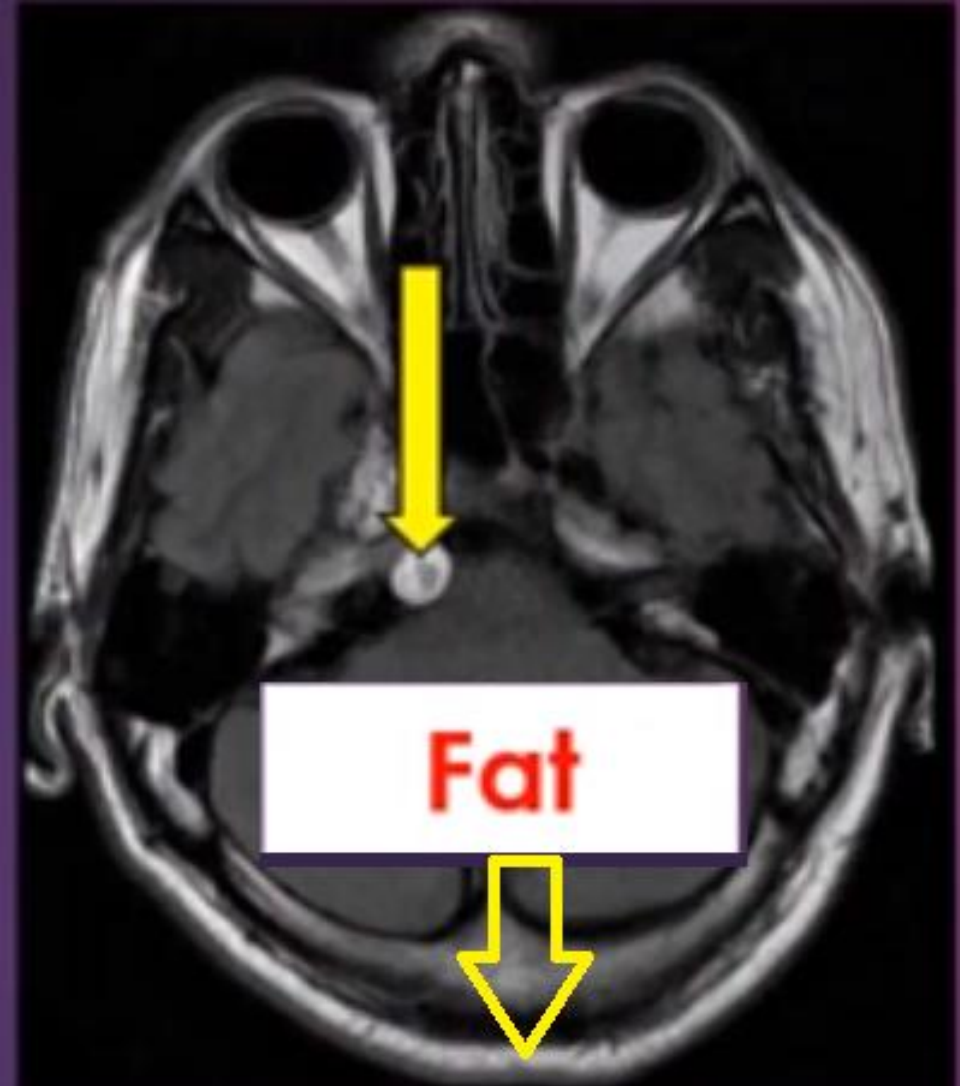
Structure that
Look black





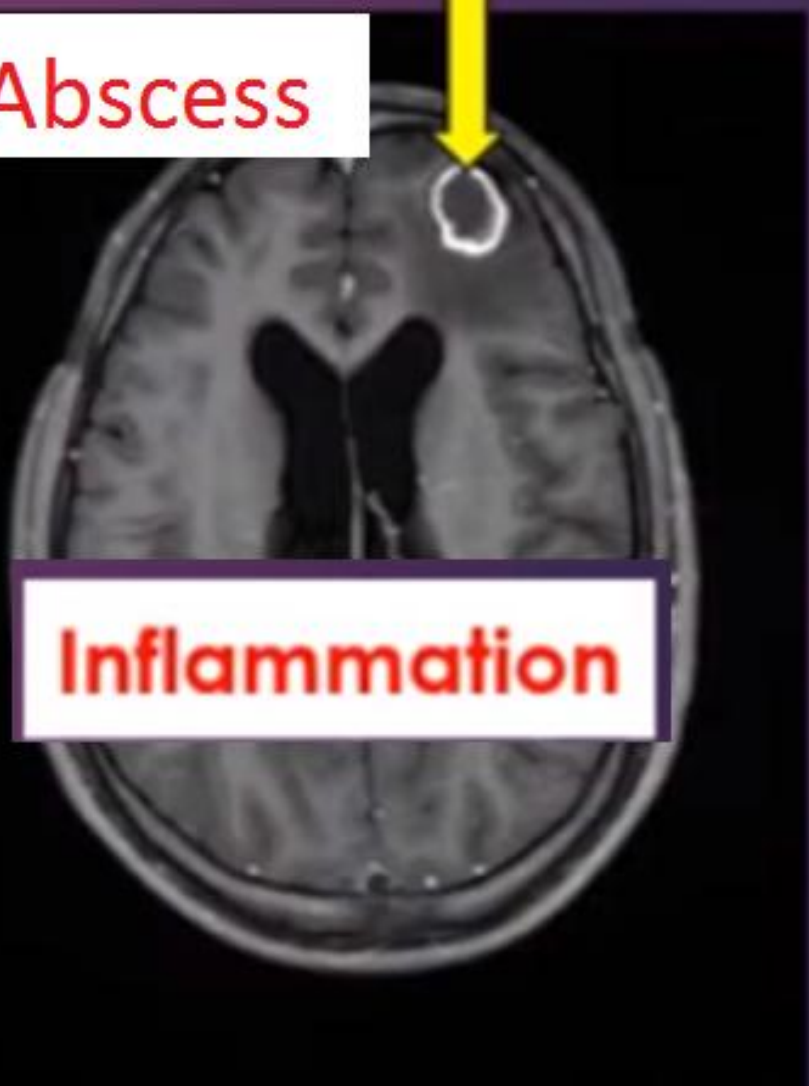
Structures look grey

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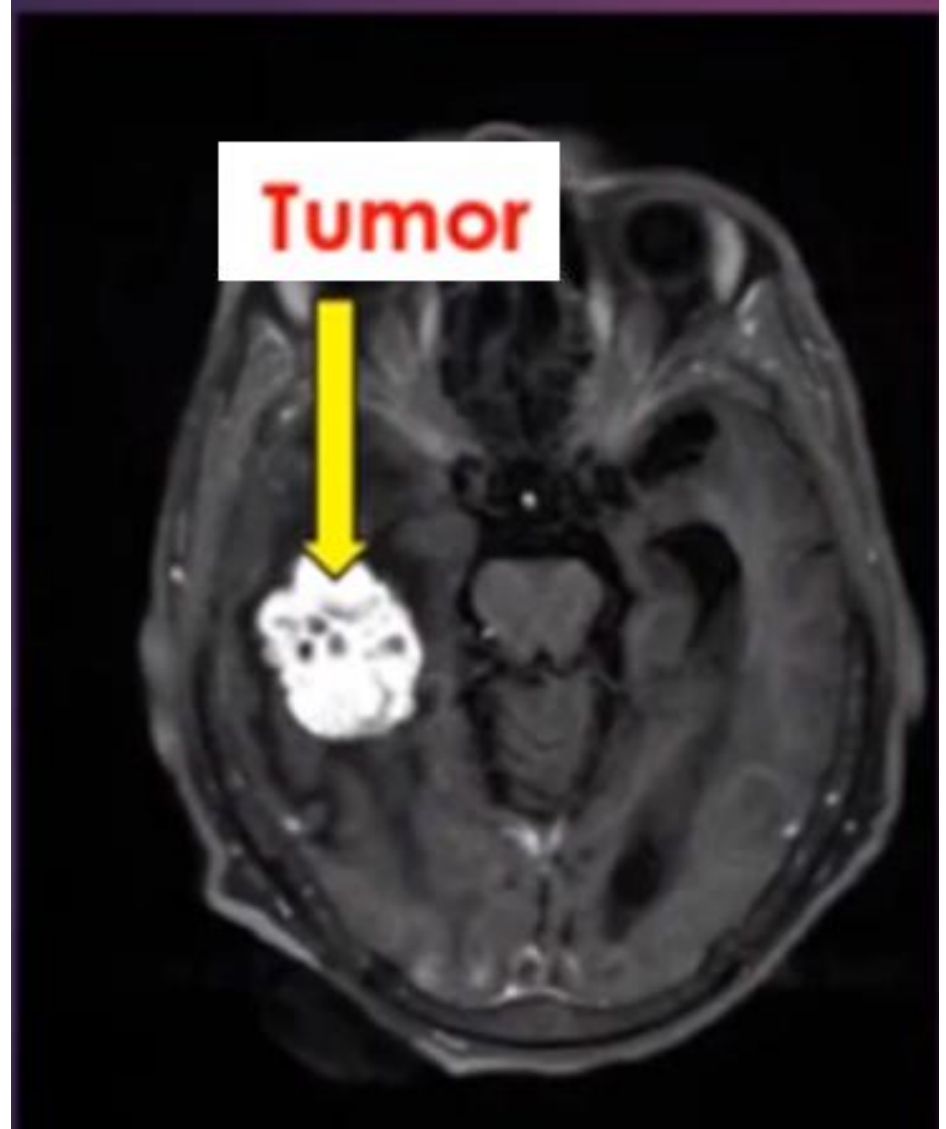


Structure that look white

Abscess



Tumor

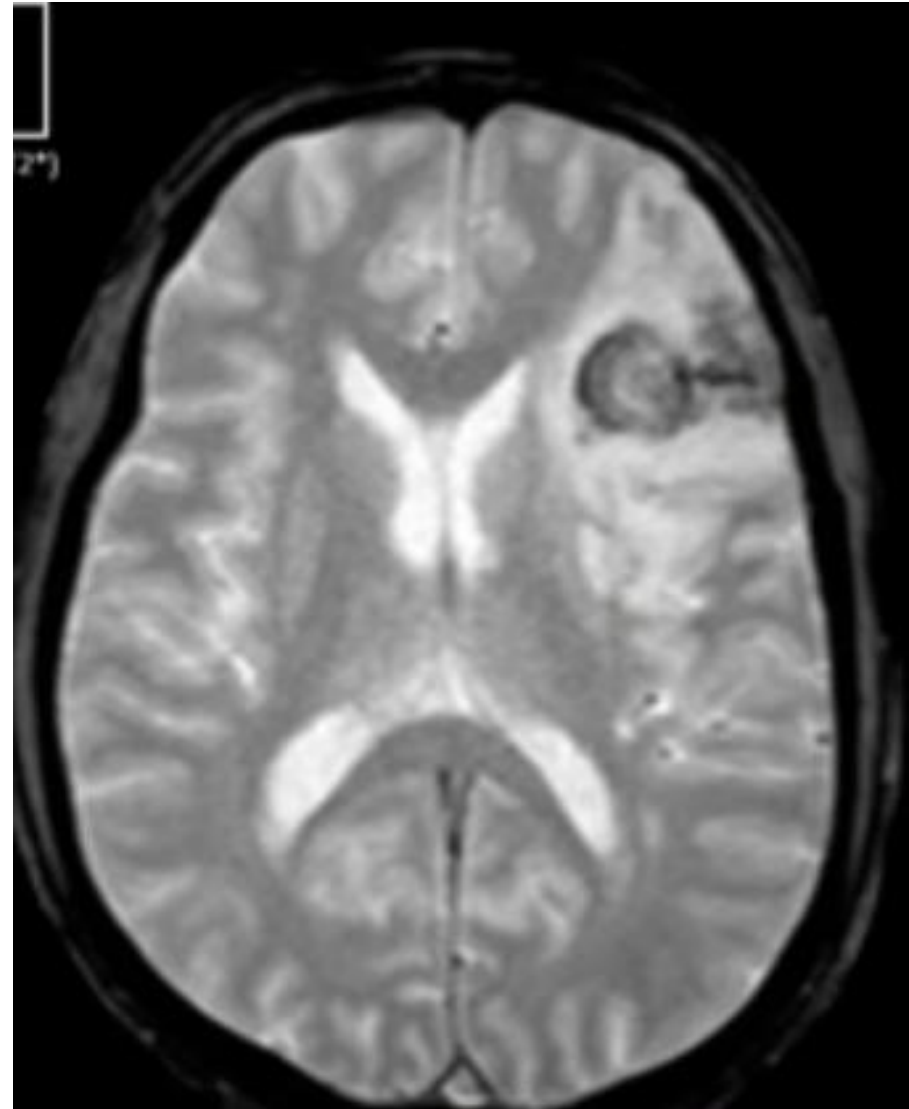


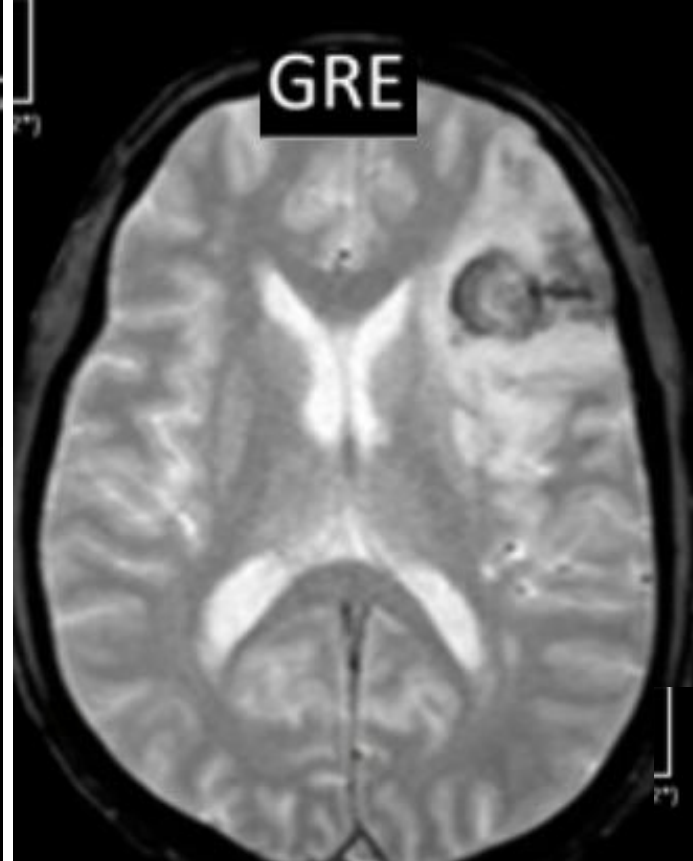
Contrast enhance

STRUCTURE THAT LOOK DARK IN T2

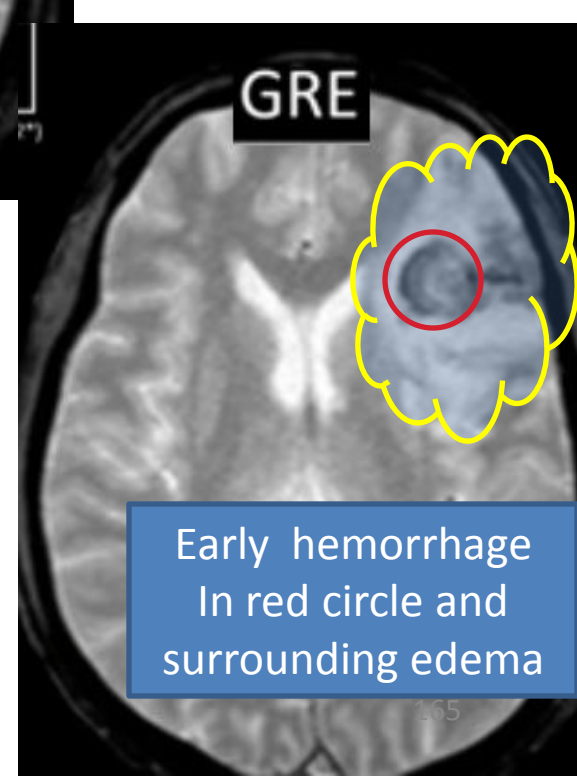
Like T2
Paramagnetic substances are dark
Blood
Calcium
Other metal (copper in wilson)

Useful for
Early hemorrhage
Old hemorrhage (hemosiderin)





Its look like edema



Early hemorrhage
In red circle and
surrounding edema

Contrast enhancement

Extra-axial tumors such as meningiomas and schwannomas

High grade gliomas -

astrocytoma

oligodendrogliomas

glioblastoma multiforme

Tumour of pituitary, pineal and choroid plexus

non-tumoral lesions

abscess

Infections (Tuberculoma)

Demyelinating diseases
(MS)

infarctions

Low grade gliomas not enhance expect this two

Gangliogliomas

Gpilocytic astrocytomas

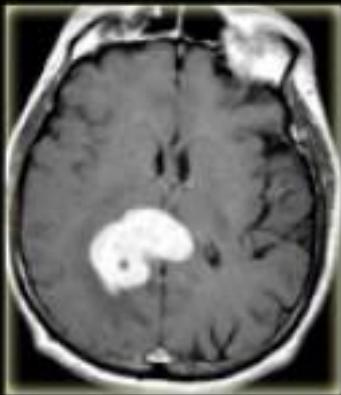
- ❖ The brain has a unique triple layered blood-brain barrier (BBB) with tight endothelial junctions. Contrast will not leak into the brain unless this barrier is damaged.
- ❖ Enhancement is seen when a CNS tumor destroys the BBB.
- ❖ Extra-axial tumors such as meningiomas and schwannomas are not derived from brain cells and do not have a blood-brain barrier. Therefore they will enhance.
- ❖ There is also no blood-brain barrier in the pituitary, pineal and choroid plexus regions. Therefore they will enhance.
- ❖ Some non-tumoral lesions enhance because they can also break down the BBB and may simulate a brain tumor. These lesions include like infections, abscess, demyelinating diseases (MS) and infarctions.



Meningioma



Schwannoma



Lymphoma

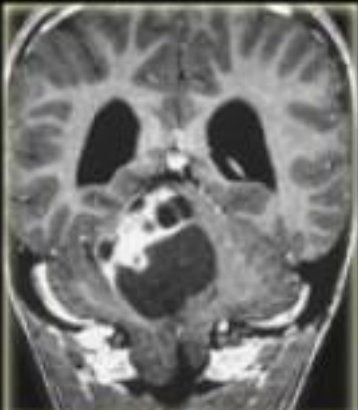


Choroid Pl. Papilloma

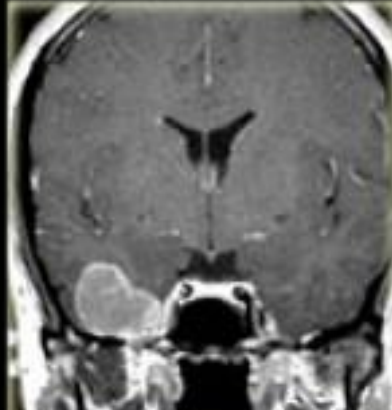
Homogeneous enhancement



Hemangioblastoma



Pilocytic Astrocytoma



Ganglioglioma

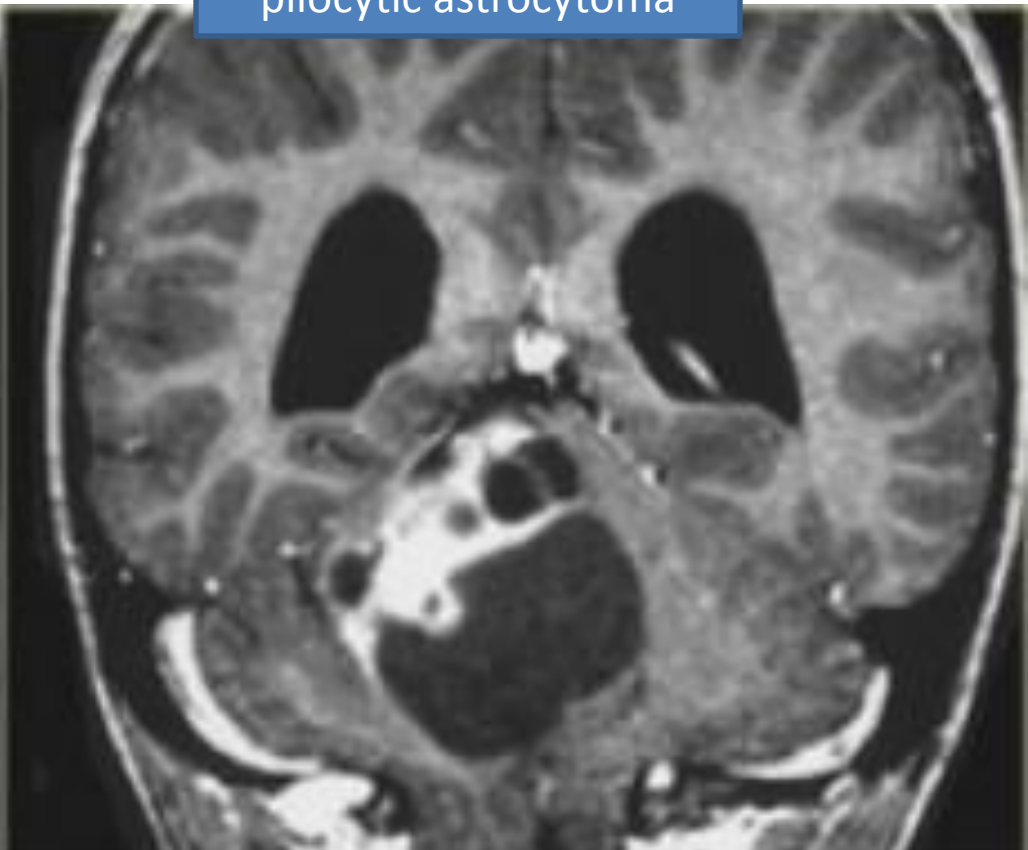
can be seen in:

1. Metastases
2. Lymphoma
3. Germinoma and
4. other pineal gland tumors
5. Pituitary macroadenoma
6. Pilocytic astrocytoma and hemangioblastoma (only the solid component)
7. Ganglioglioma
8. Meningioma and Schwannoma

ganglioglioma

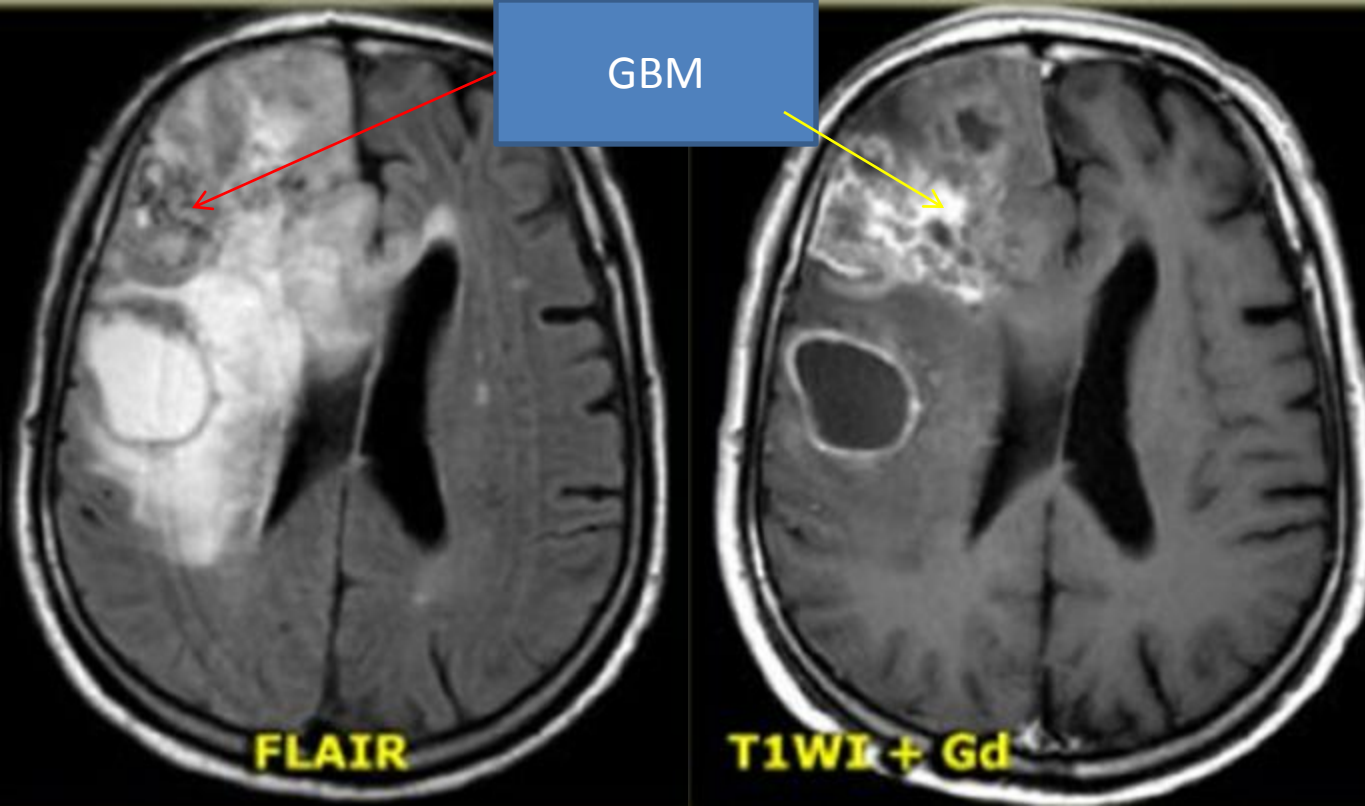


pilocytic astrocytoma



low-grade glioma does not take contrast enhancement Gangliogliomas & pilocytic astrocytomas are the exceptions to this rule: they are low-grade tumors, but they enhance vividly.

In gliomas - like astrocytomas, oligodendrogliomas and glioblastoma multiforme - enhancement usually indicates a higher degree of malignancy. Therefore when during the follow up of a the tumor starts to enhance, it is a sign of malignant transformation..



Patchy enhancement can be seen in:

1. Metastases
2. Oligodendroglioma
3. Glioblastoma multiforme
4. Radiation necrosis

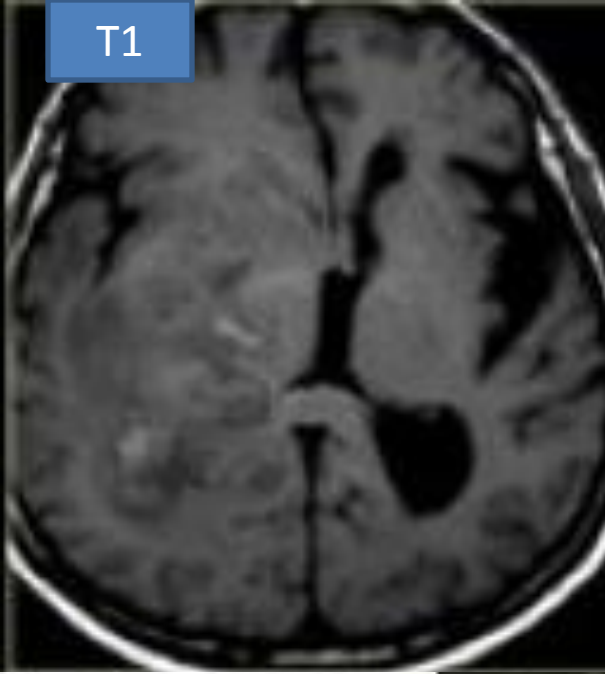
glioblastoma multiforme (GBM).

The enhancement indicates that this is a high-grade tumor, but only parts of it enhance. there is also a cystic component with ring enhancement.

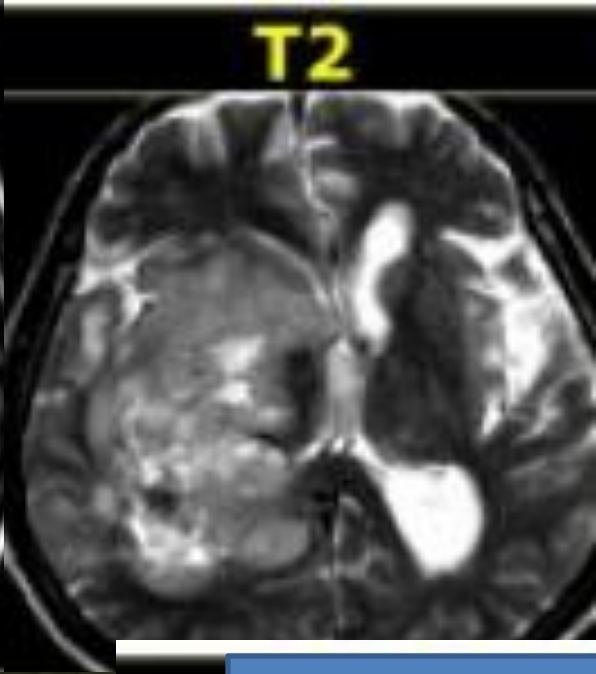
The tumor cells probably extend beyond the area of edema as seen on the FLAIR image.

This is because gliomas grow infiltratively into normal brain - initially without any MR changes

T1



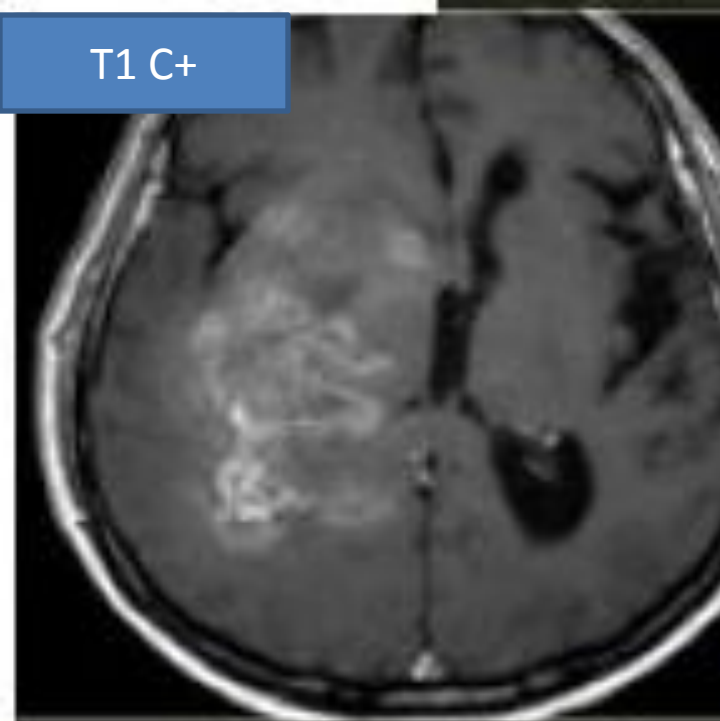
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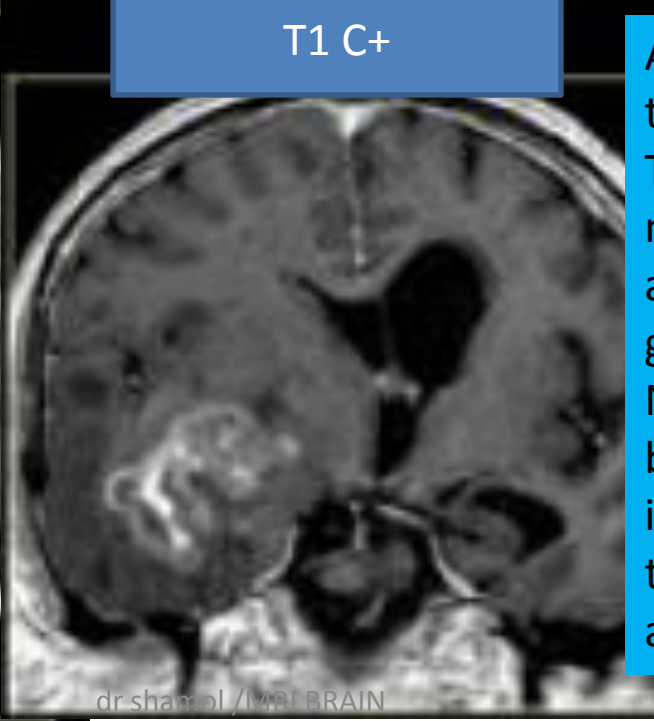
FLAIR



T1 C+



T1 C+



Although is a large tumor, the mass-effect is limited. This indicates that there is marked infiltrative growth, a characteristic typical for gliomas.

Notice the heterogeneity on both T2WI and FLAIR. There is patchy enhancement. All these findings are typical for a GBM

No enhancement is seen in:

Low grade astrocytomas

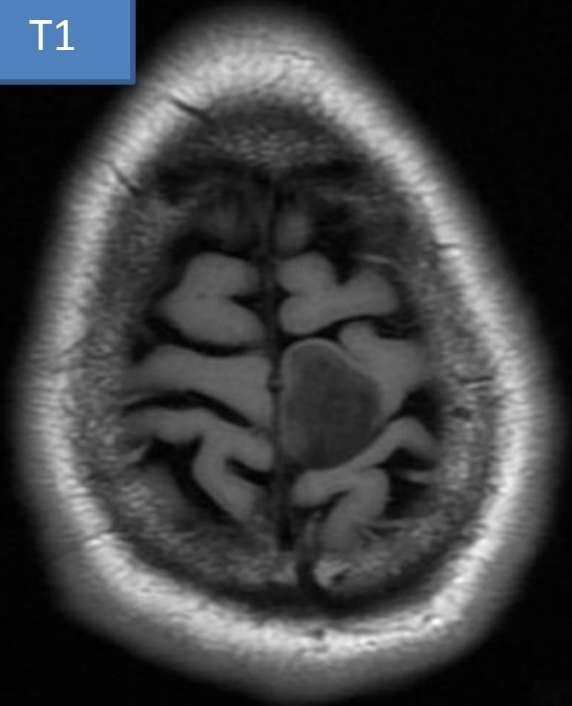
Cystic non-tumoral lesions:

- Dermoid cyst

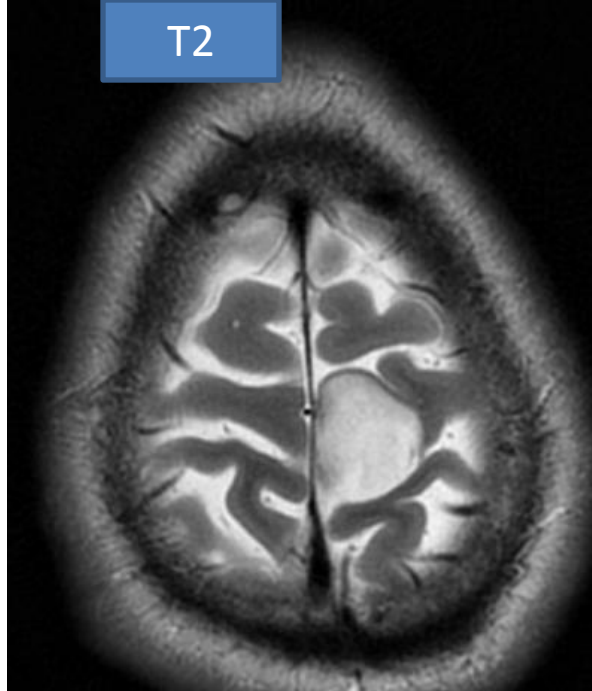
- Epidermoid cyst

- Arachnoid cyst

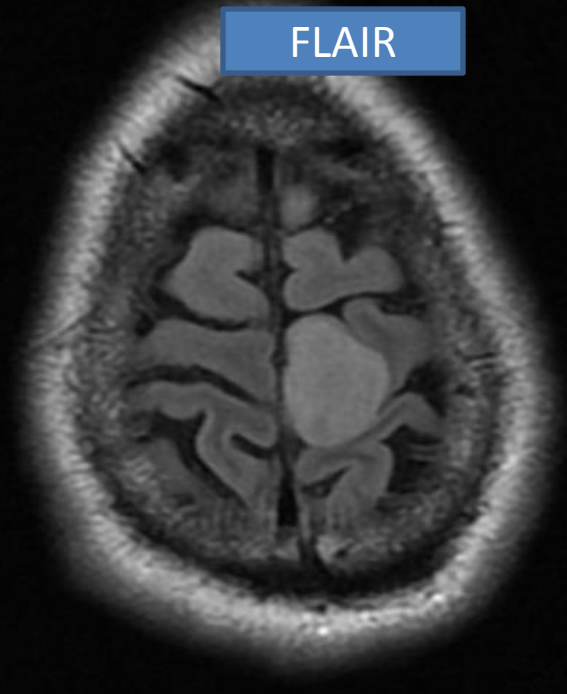
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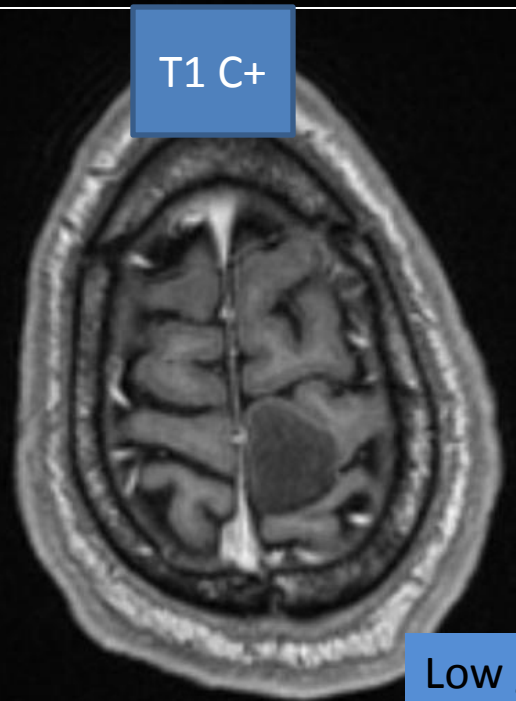
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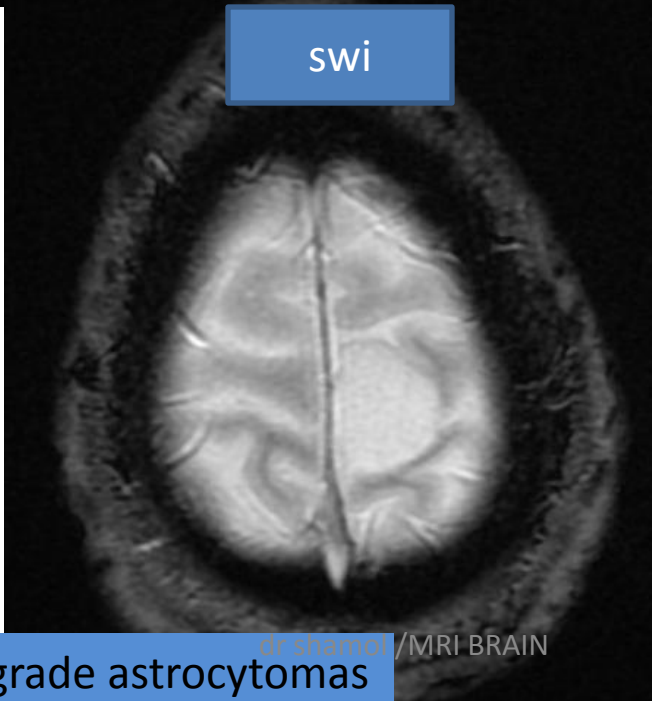
FLAIR



T1 C+



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There is an abnormal poorly enhancing well defined intra-axial lesion in the subcortical white matter of left high parietal lobe. The lesion is seen as hypointense on T1W, hyperintense on T2W and FLAIR, showing no blooming on GRE or restriction on DWI

Low grade astrocytomas

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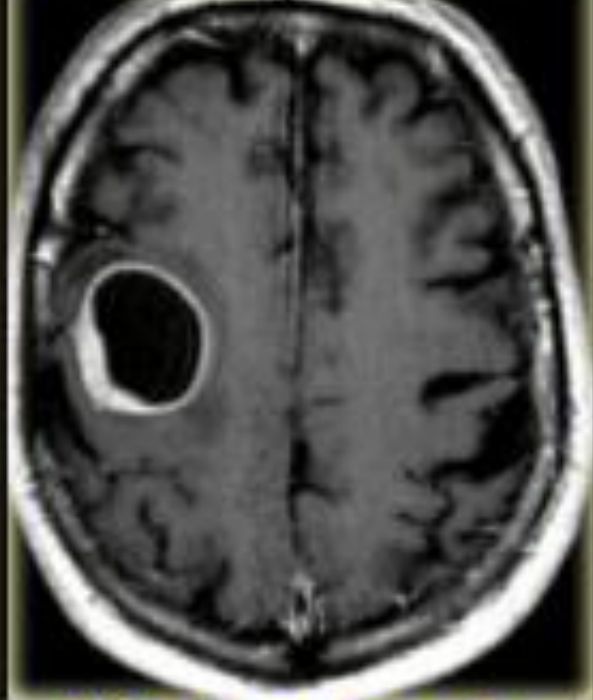
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Ring enhancing lesions

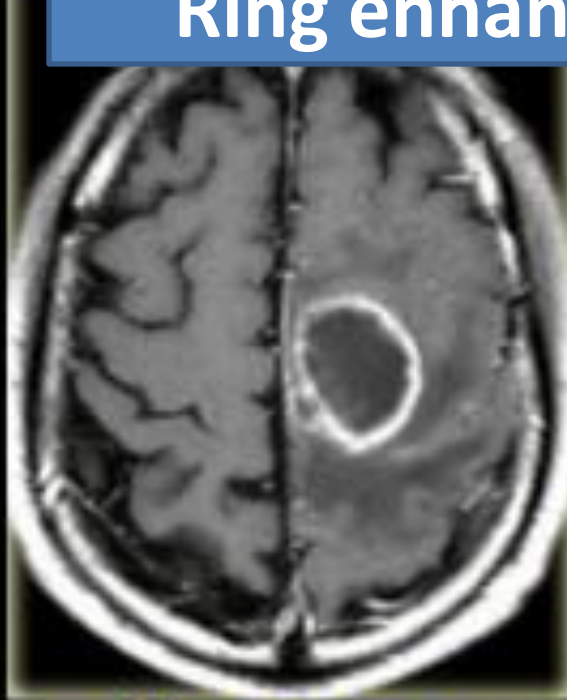
Ring enhancing cerebral lesions includes:

- 1. cerebral abscess**
- 2. tuberculoma**
- 3. metastasis**
4. neurocysticercosis
5. glioblastoma
6. subacute infarct /haemorrhage /contusion
7. demyelination (incomplete ring)
8. radiation necrosis
9. lymphoma - in an immunocompromised patient

Ring enhancement



Metastasis



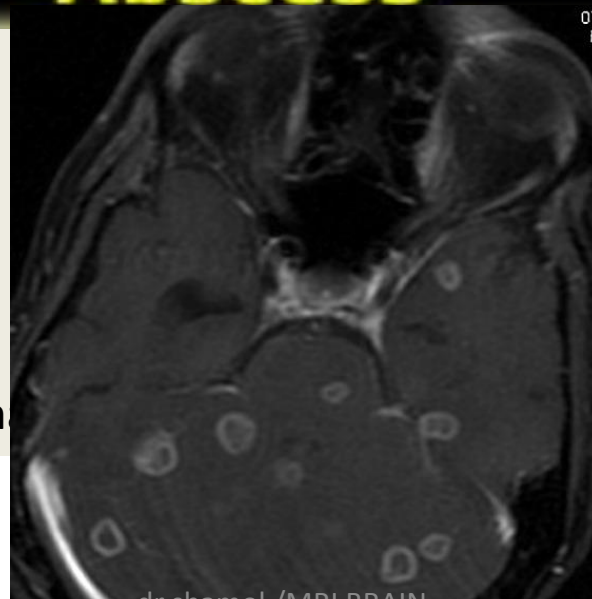
Abscess



GMB

Ring enhancement is seen in

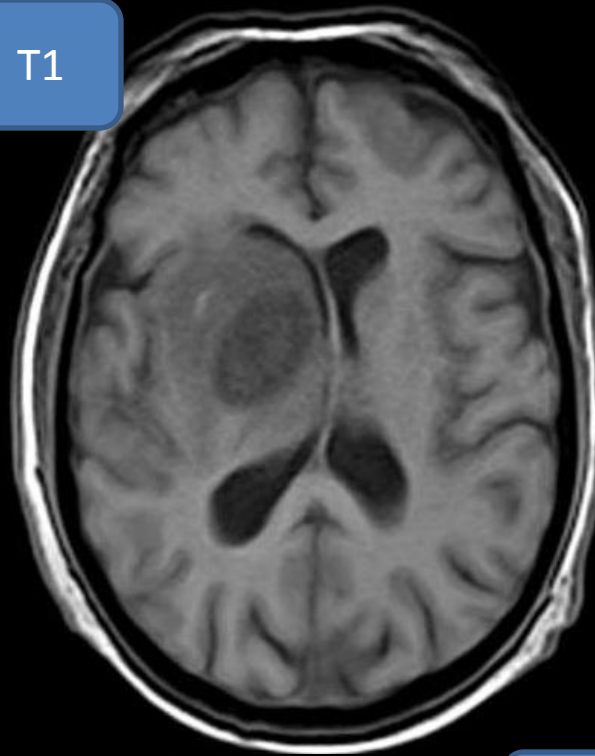
1. abscesses
2. metastases
3. Tuberculoma
4. high-grade gliomas.
5. some MS-plaques and
6. sometimes in an old hematoma



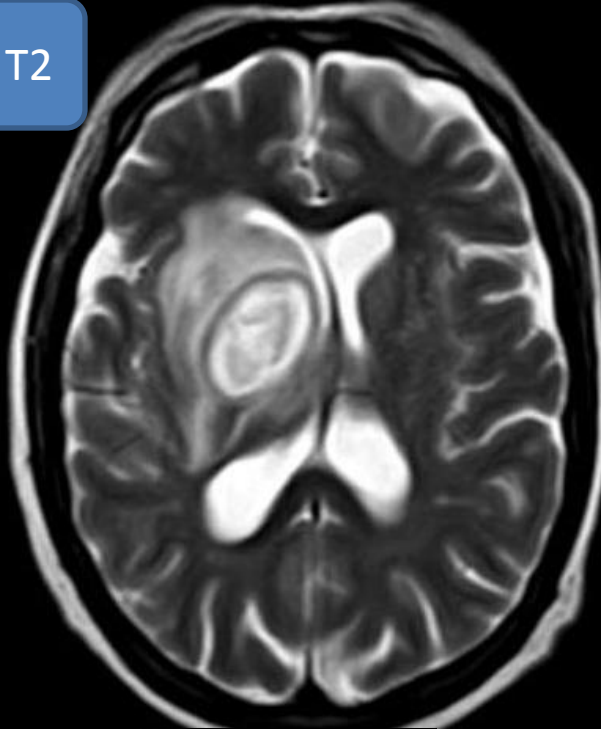
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Tuberculoma

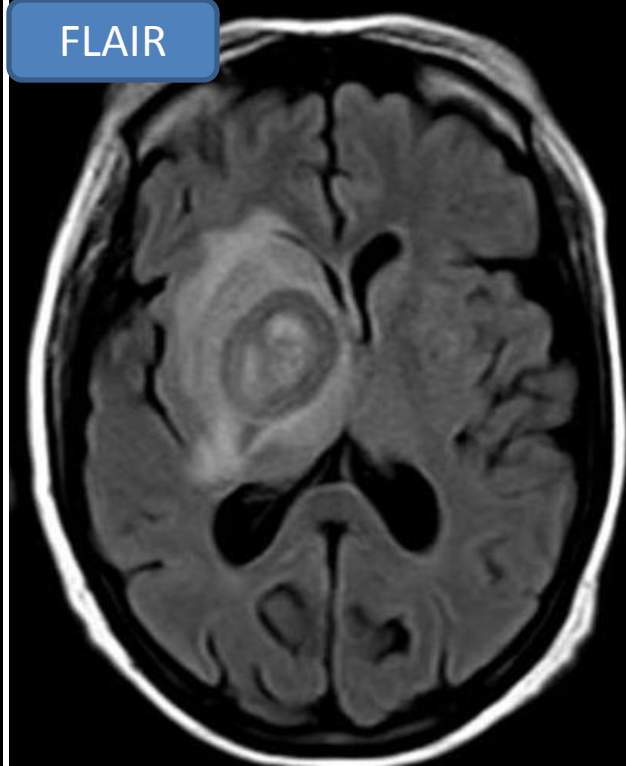
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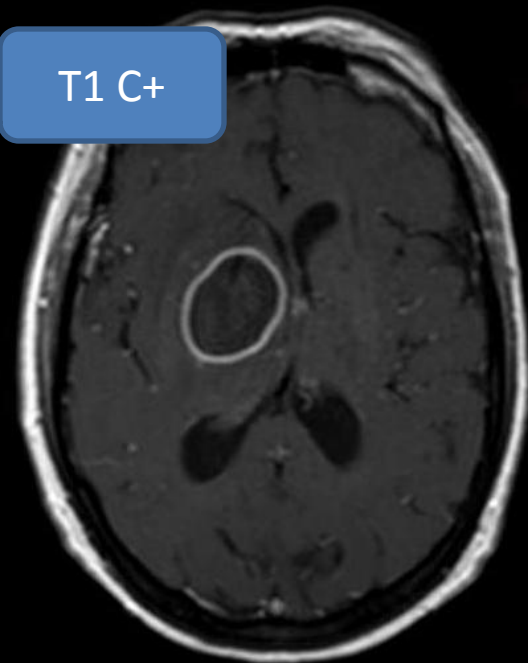
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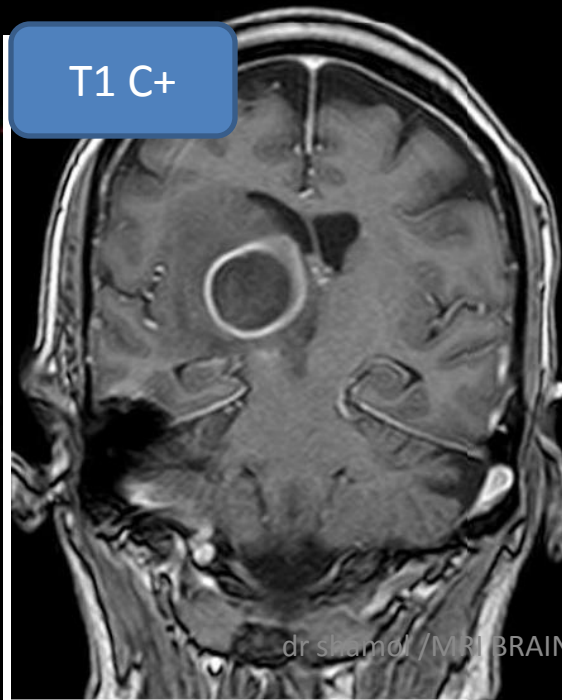
FLAIR



T1 C+



T1 C+



Headache followed by disturbed conscious level. The patient was previously diagnosed with bacterial endocarditis

Right basal ganglionic well defined cystic lesion that exhibits low signal of its content in T1 and FLAIR and high signal in T2. Its wall displays low signal in T2 and FLAIR while hyperintense signal in T1 likely from free radicals and enhances avidly following contrast injection ([ring enhancement](#)). It is surrounded by perifocal edema and exerts positive mass effect upon the adjacent lateral ventricle.

Diagnosis: Intracerebral abscess

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T1

T2

FLAIR

T1 C+

T1

T2

FLAIR

T1 C+

T1

T2

FLAIR

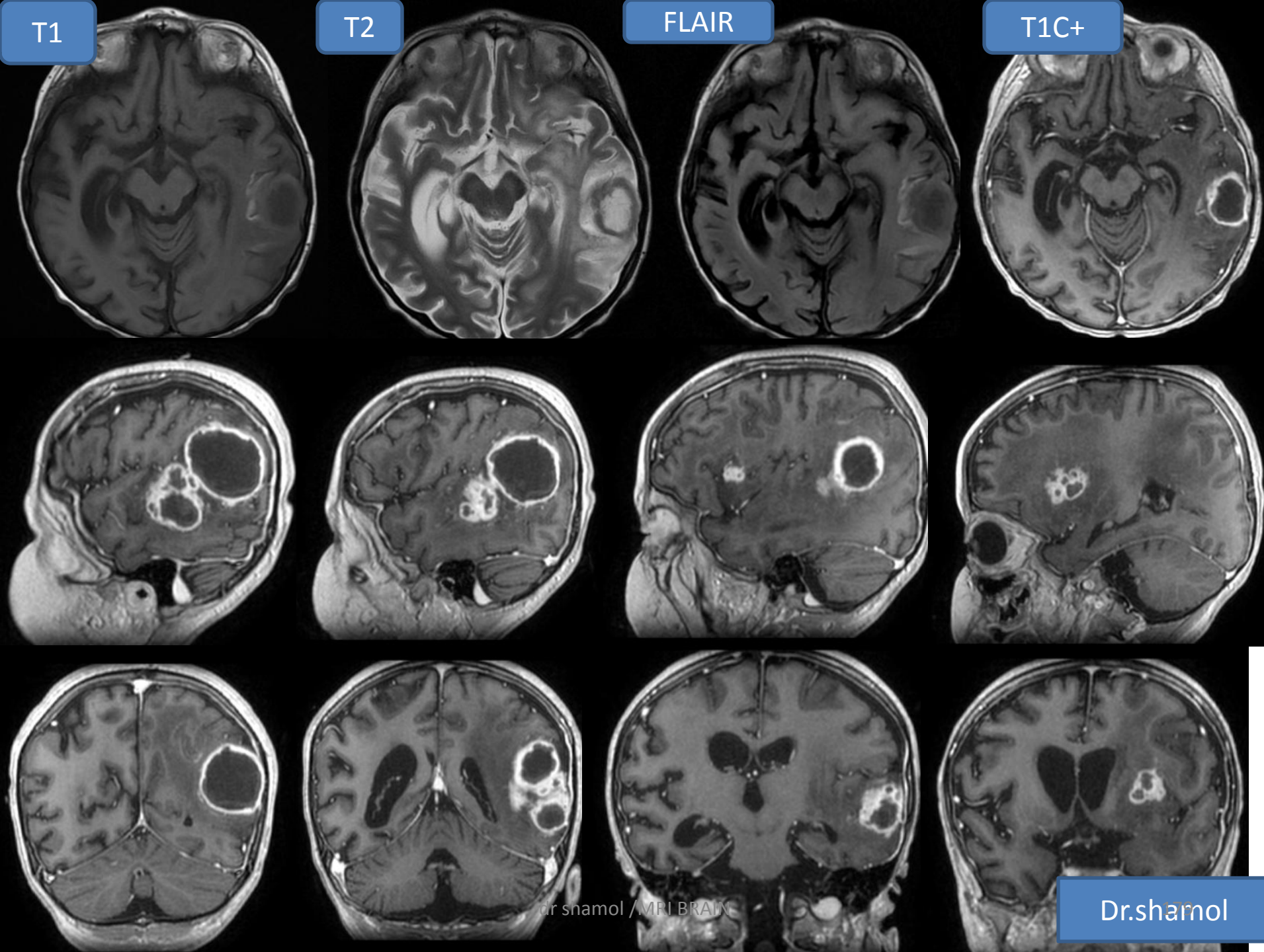
T1 C+

T1

T2

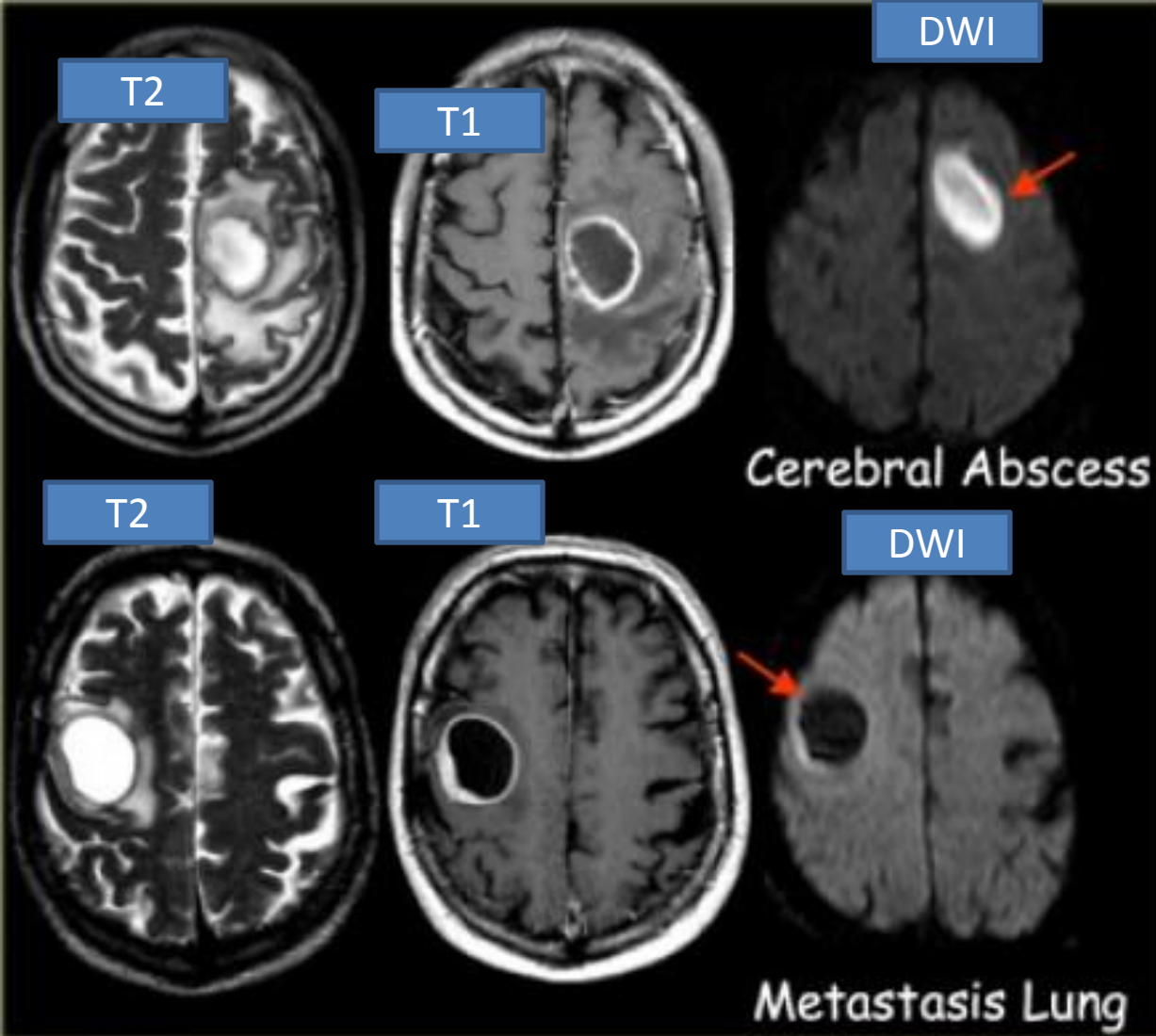
FLAIR

T1C+



Ring Enhancing wall characteristics	thick and nodular favours	neoplasm
	thin and regular favours	abscess
	incomplete ring opened toward the cortex	Demyelination
surrounding oedema	extensive oedema relative to lesion size	favours abscess
	increased perfusion	favours neoplasm
central fluid	restricted diffusion favours	Abscess
	absence of diffusion restriction favour	tumour
	absence of diffusion restriction with a central necrotic component	Metastases
number of lesions	similar sized rounded lesions at grey-white matter junction	Favors metastases or abscesses
	irregular mass with adjacent secondary lesions embedded in the same region of 'oedema'	<u>F</u> avours <u>GBM</u>

HOW WILL DIFFERENTIATE ABSCESS AND TUMOUR

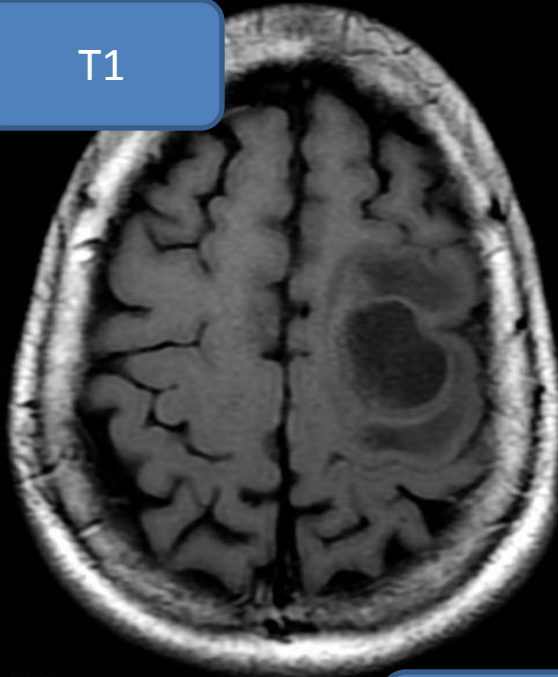


Diffusion weighted imaging

- Normally water protons have the ability to diffuse extracellularly and loose signal.
- High intensity on DWI indicates restriction of the ability of water protons to diffuse extracellularly.
- Restricted diffusion is seen in abscesses, epidermoid cysts and acute infarction (due to cytotoxic edema).
- In cerebral abscesses the diffusion is probably restricted due to the viscosity of pus, resulting in a high signal on DWI.

- ❖ In most tumors there is no restricted diffusion - even in necrotic or cystic components.
- ❖ This results in a normal, low signal on DWI.

T1



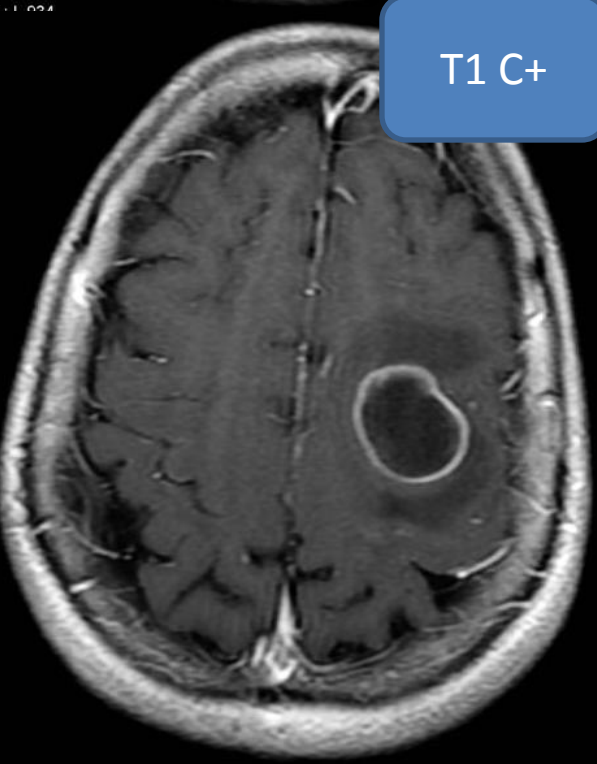
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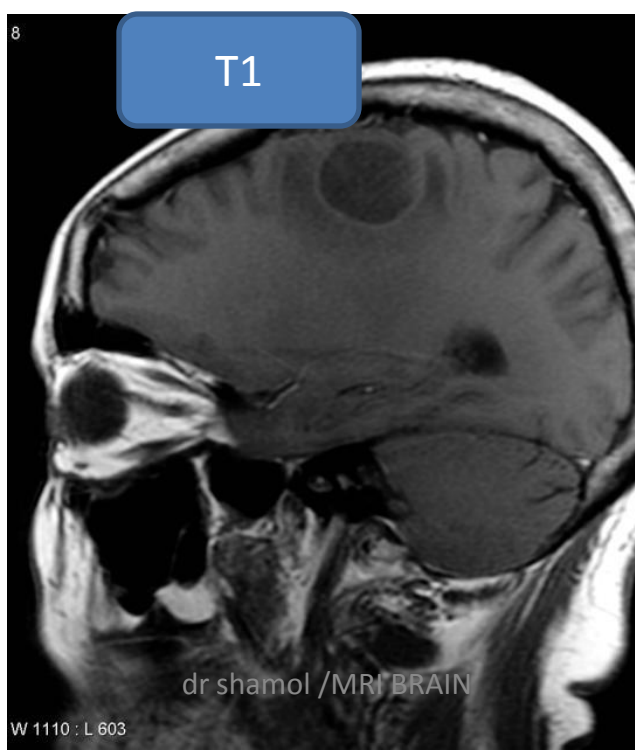
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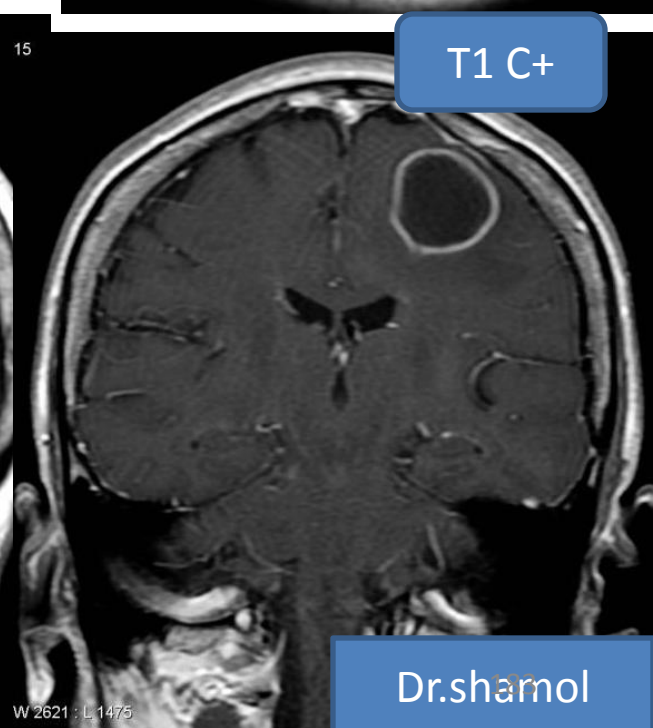


T1



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T1 C+



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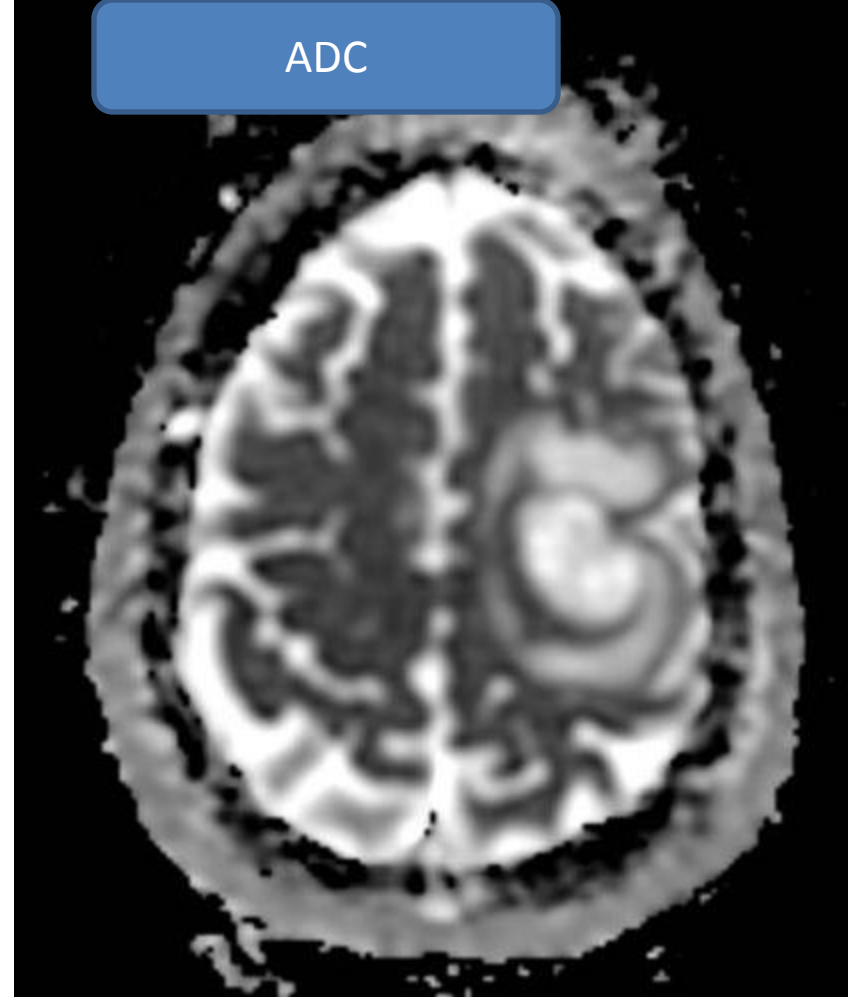
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DWI

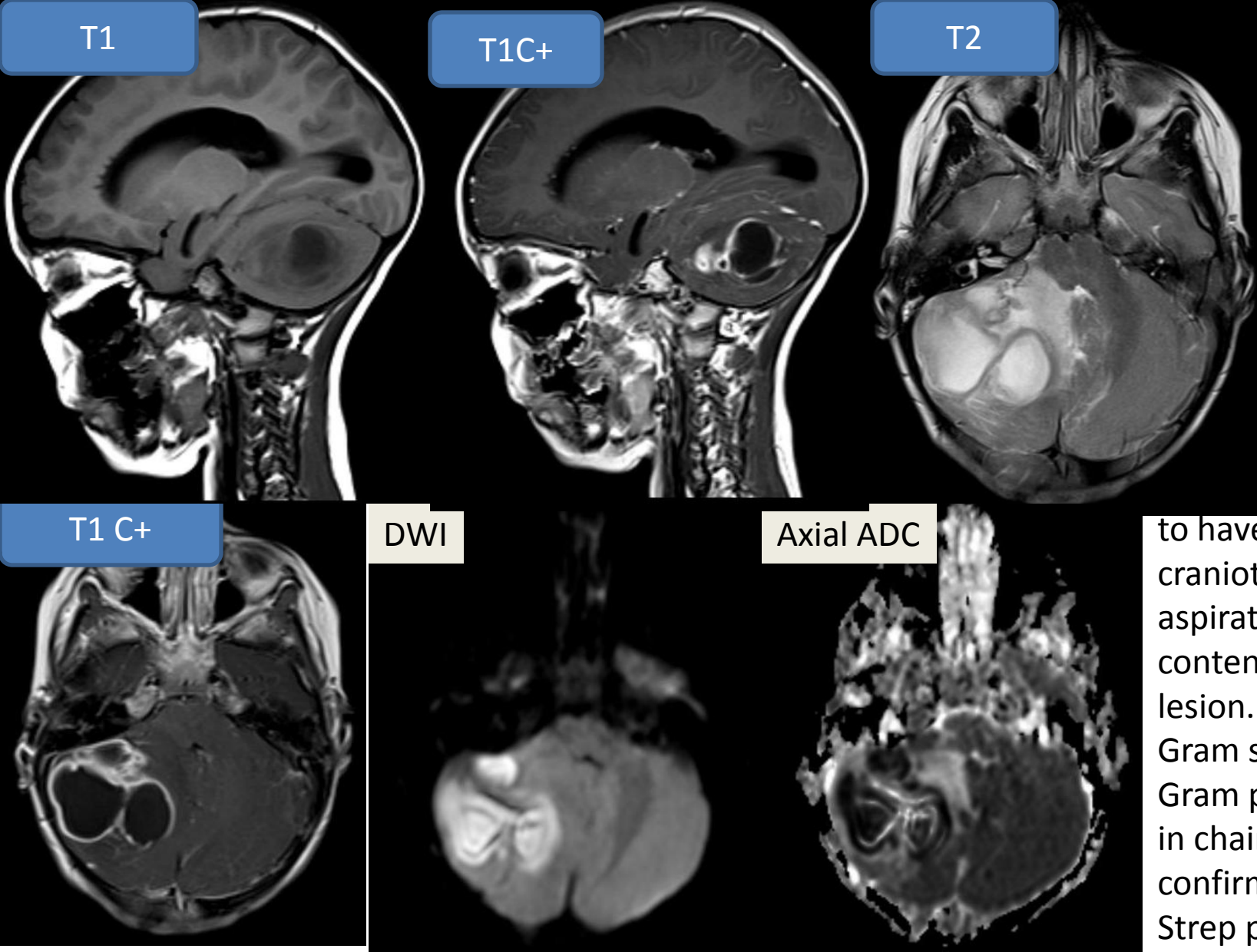


ADC



Perfect' ring enhancing lesion which is not a cerebral abscess (lack of central diffusion restriction on DWI and relative paucity of oedema)

Ring-enhancing mass in the left posterior frontal lobe with a small amount of surrounding vasogenic oedema. Some peripheral (but not central) diffusion restriction.



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to have a
craniotomy and
aspiration of the
content of the
lesion.

Gram stain: ++++
Gram positive cocci
in chains and pairs,
confirmed to be
Strep pneumoniae.

Selected images from an MRI of the brain demonstrates a large peripherally enhancing mass in the right cerebellar hemisphere. It demonstrates prominent central restricted diffusion. It is surrounded by oedema and results in mass effect and compression of the 4th ventricle.

T1

T2

FLAIR

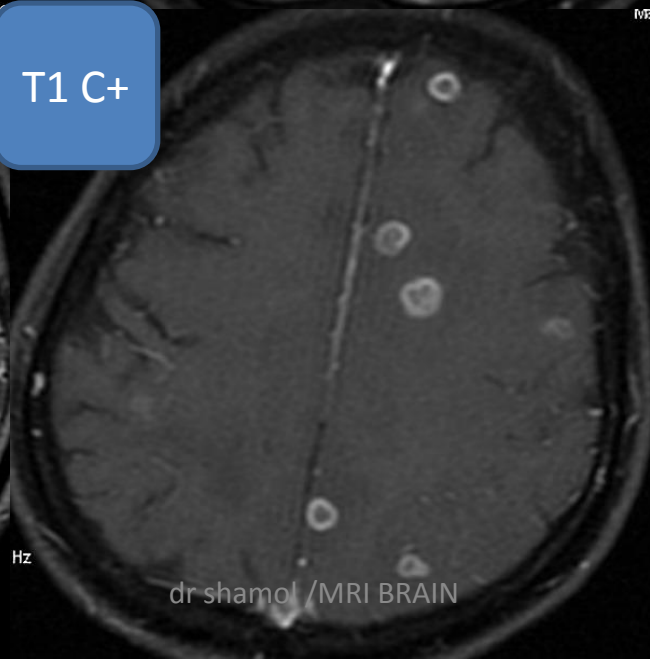
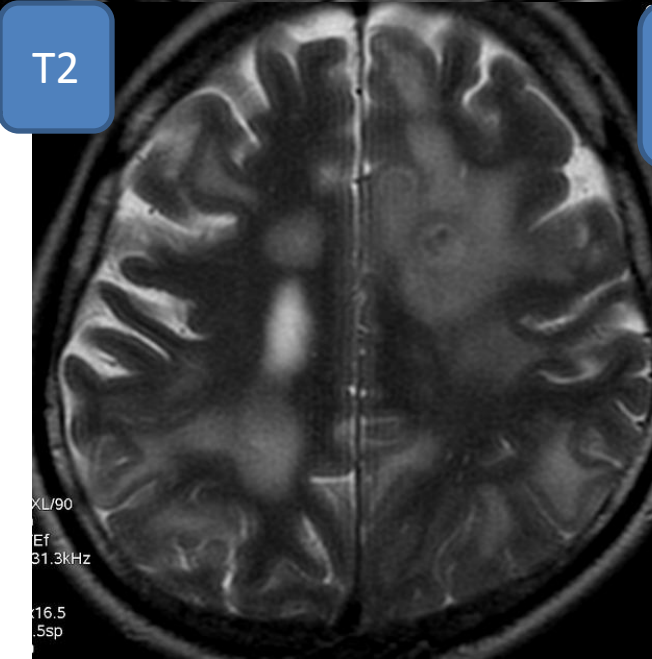
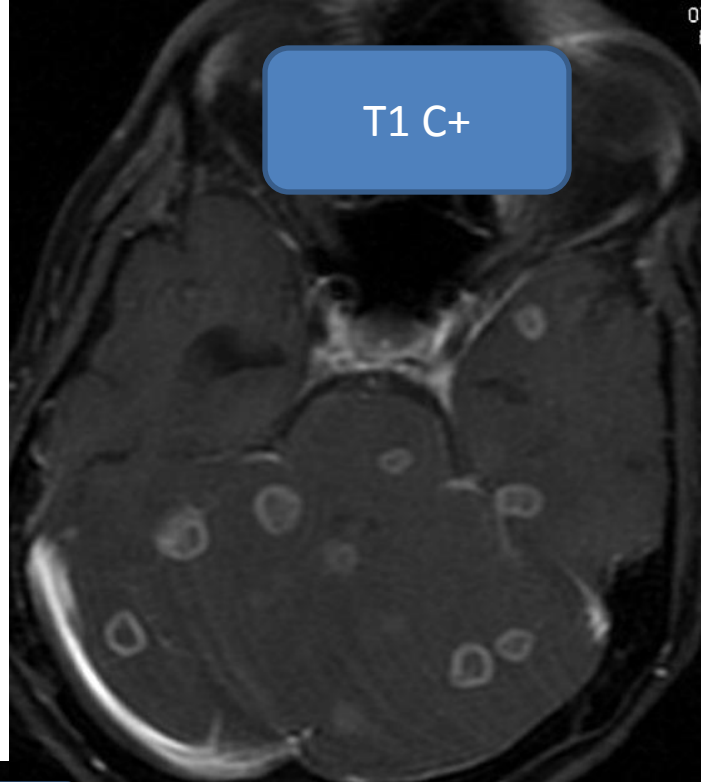
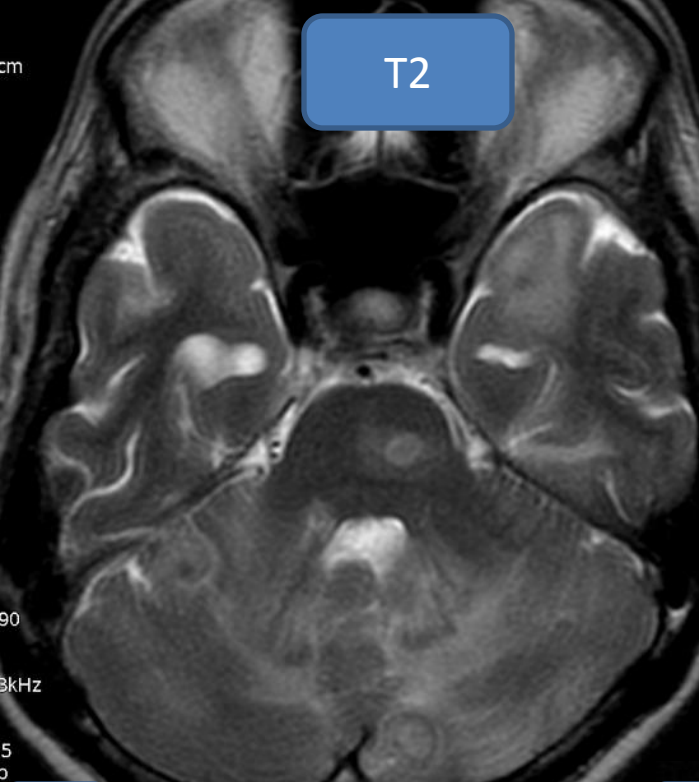
T1 C+

DW1

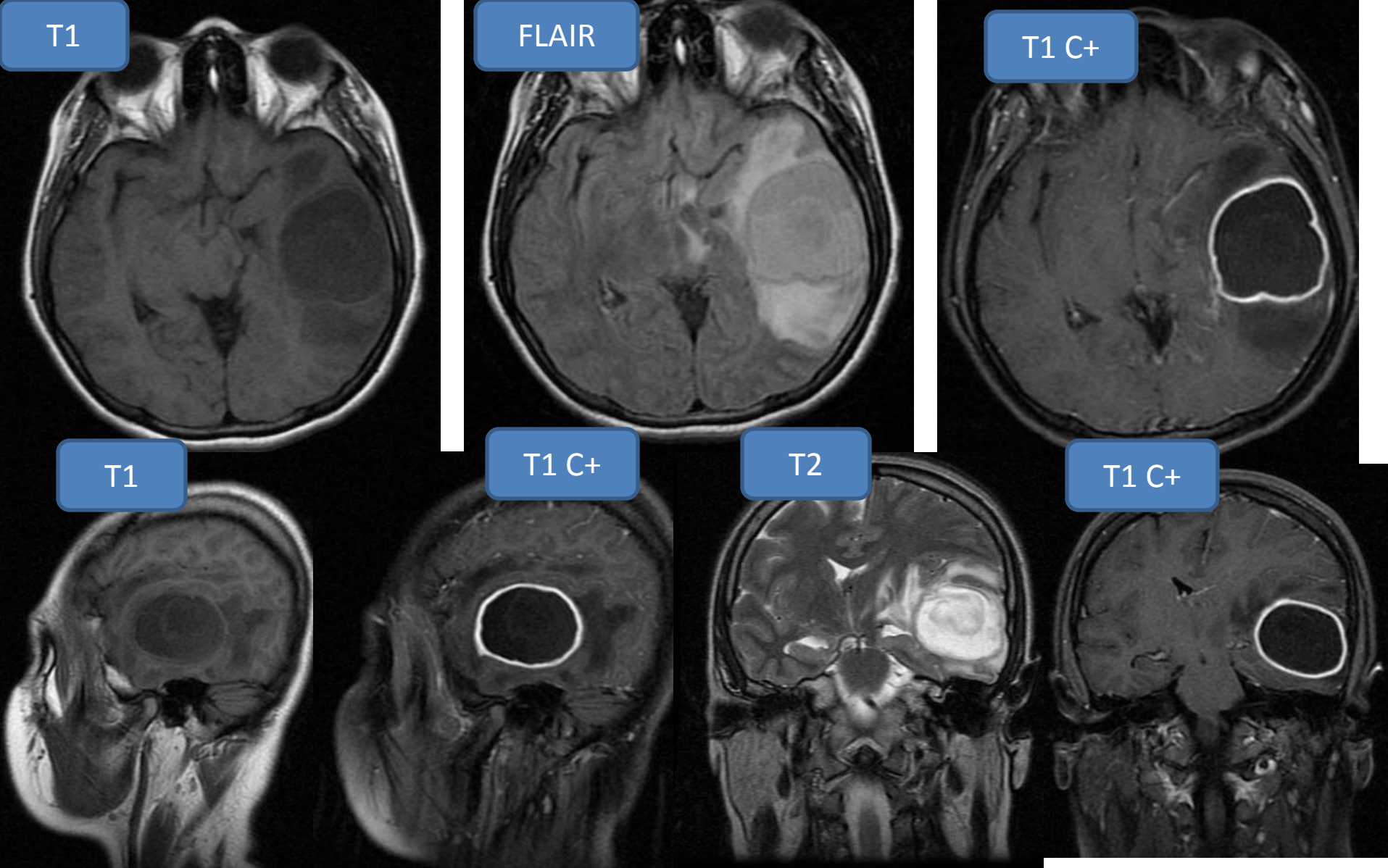
Axial MR Perfusion

Cerebral radiation necrosis

Ring-enhancing lesion in the left parieto-occipital region. Note the reduced perfusion in the enhancing component helping to differentiate it from recurrence



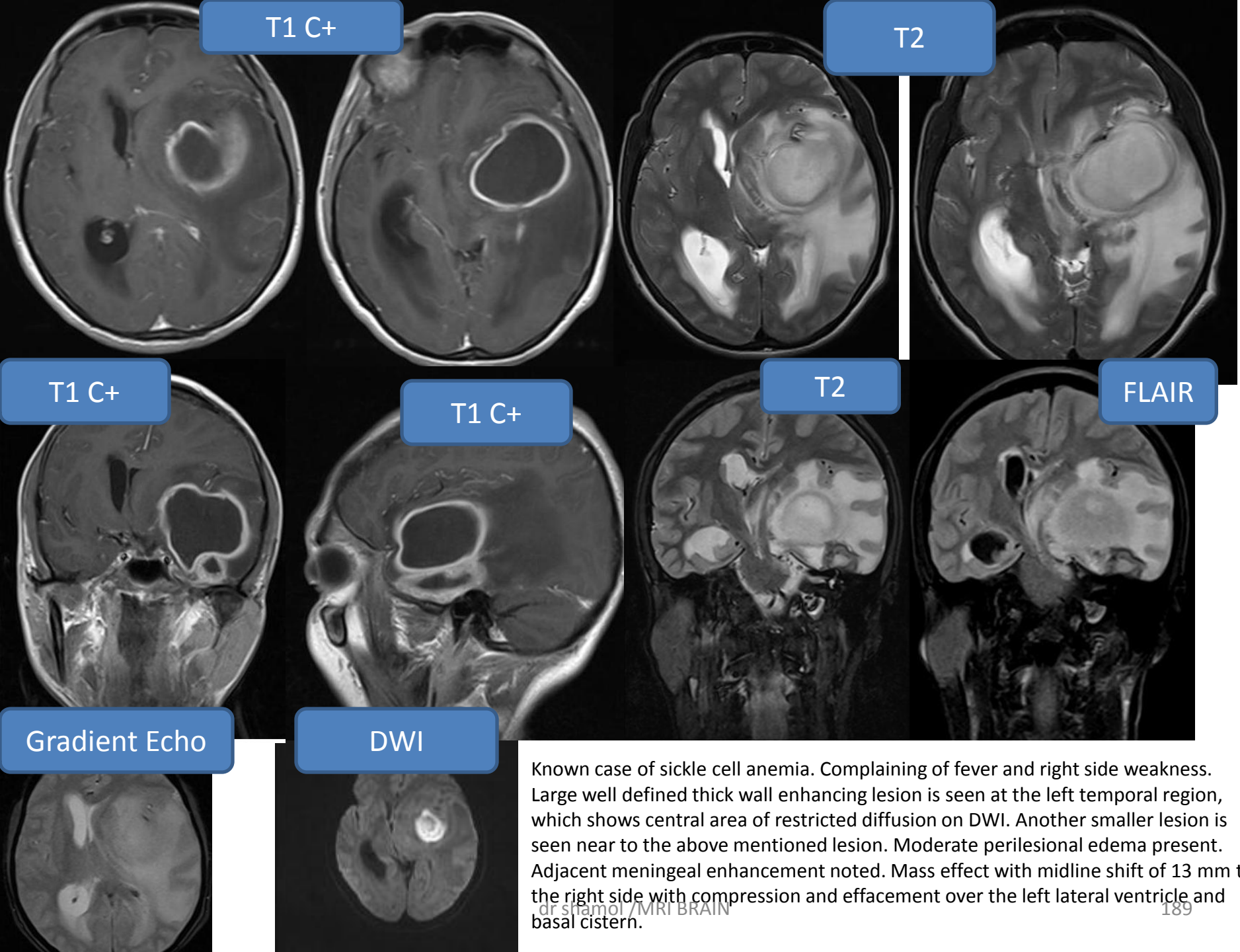
Multiple ring enhancing granulomas in the brain and spinal cord. These are hypointense on T2WI.



Found intra-axial lesion with vasogenic edema that have a hyper intense thin-wall in T1 and hypo intense wall at T2. Post gadolinium shows rim-enhancement.

Case Discussion

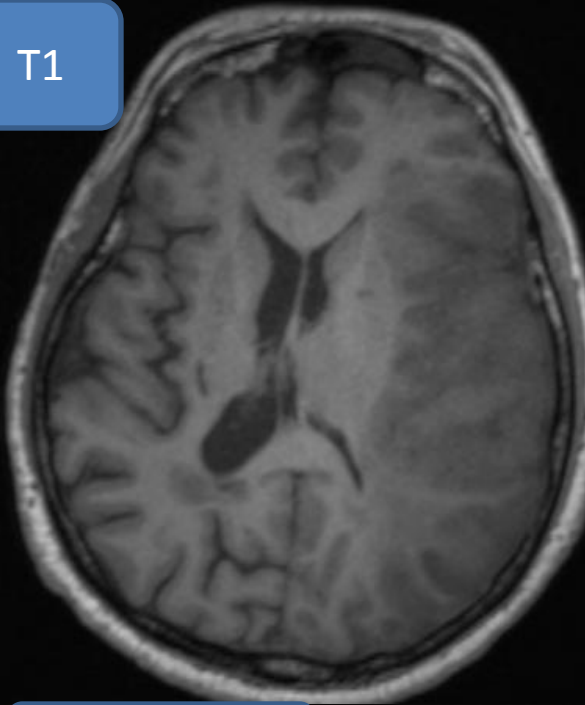
The CT and MRI findings are compatible with pyogenic brain abscess in late capsular stage.



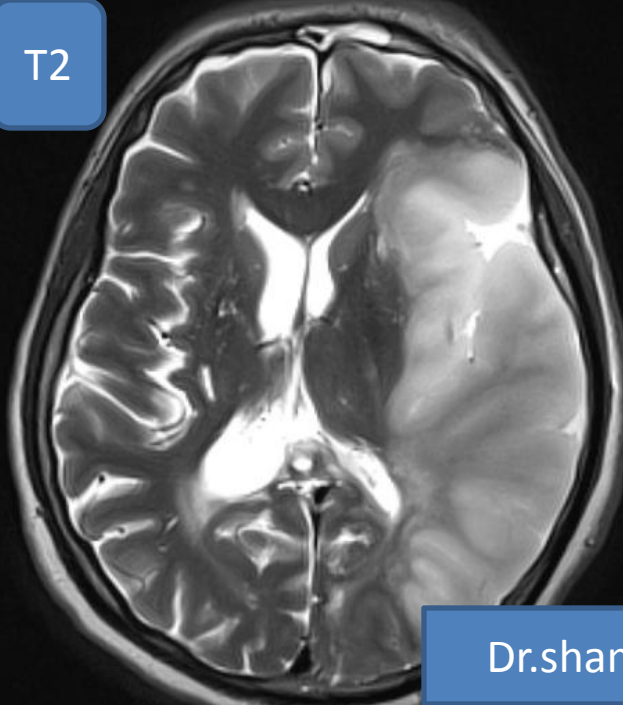
Known case of sickle cell anemia. Complaining of fever and right side weakness. Large well defined thick wall enhancing lesion is seen at the left temporal region, which shows central area of restricted diffusion on DWI. Another smaller lesion is seen near to the above mentioned lesion. Moderate perilesional edema present. Adjacent meningeal enhancement noted. Mass effect with midline shift of 13 mm to the right side with compression and effacement over the left lateral ventricle and basal cistern.

INFARCTION IN MRI

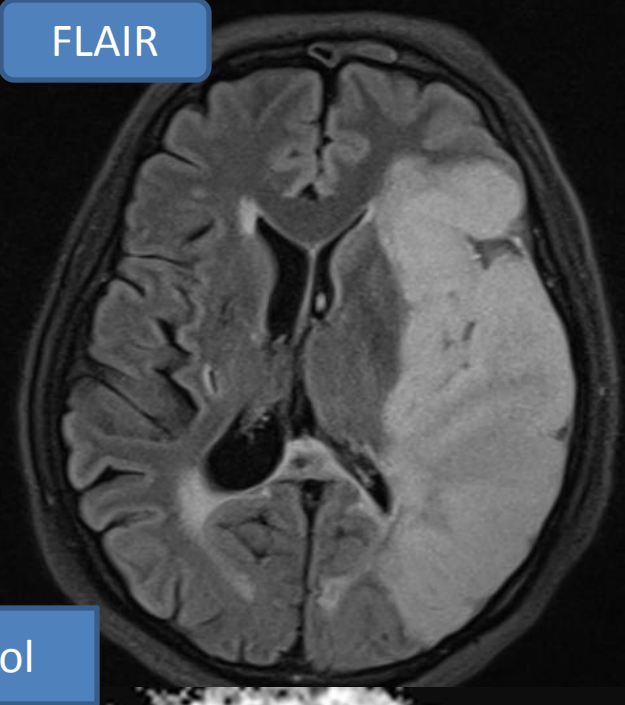
T1



T2

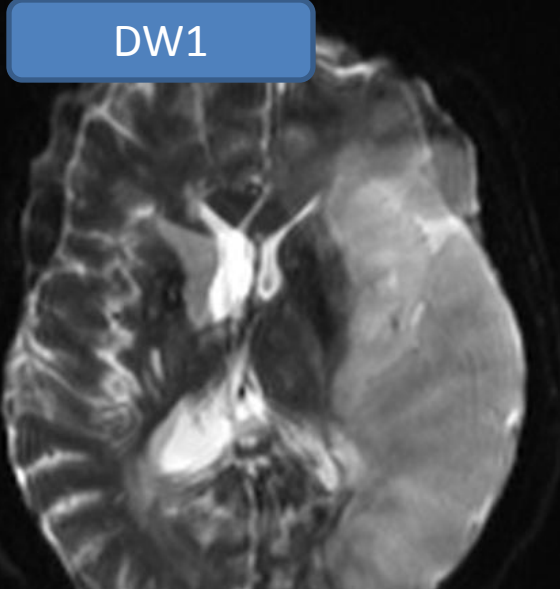


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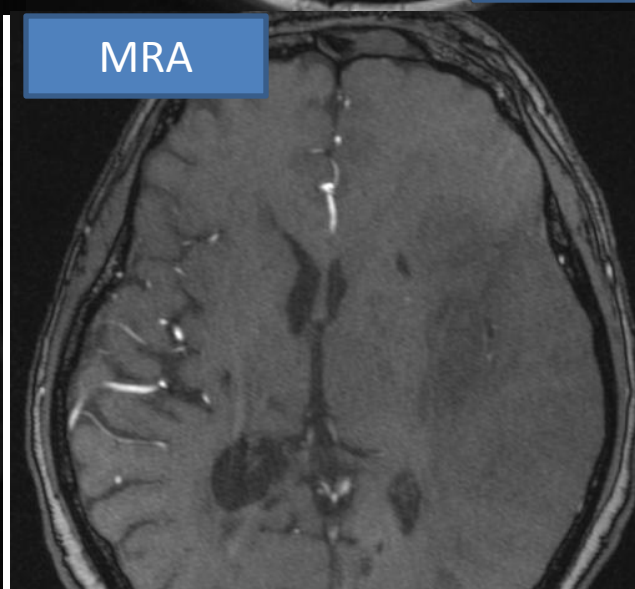


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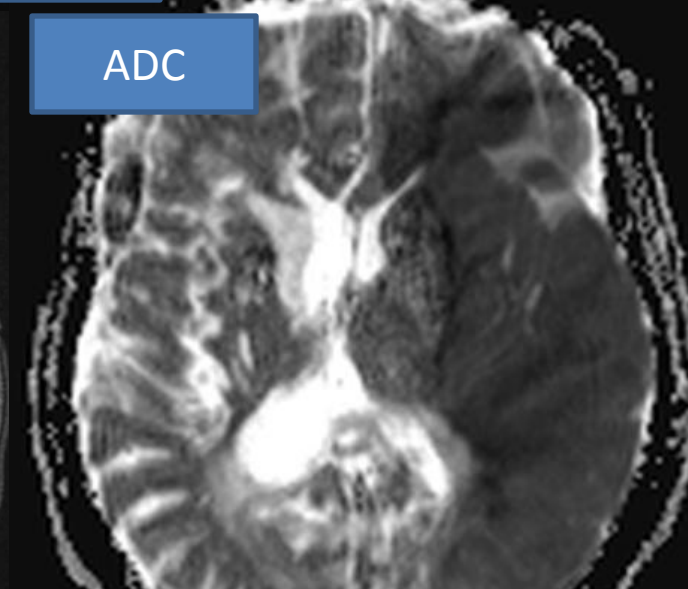
DW1



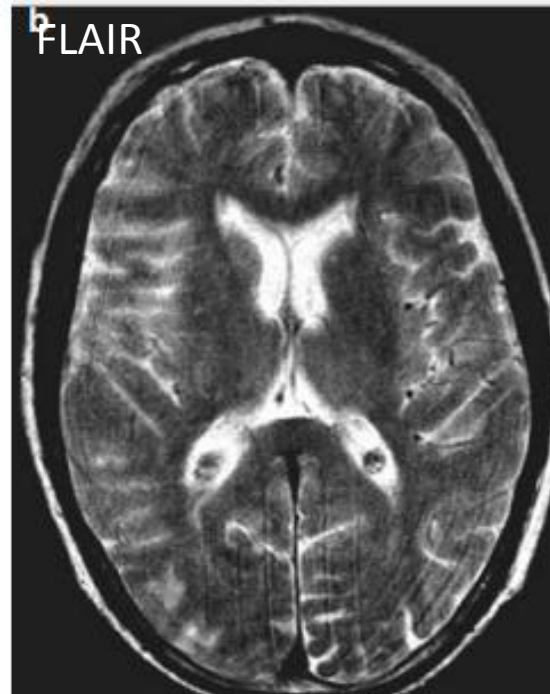
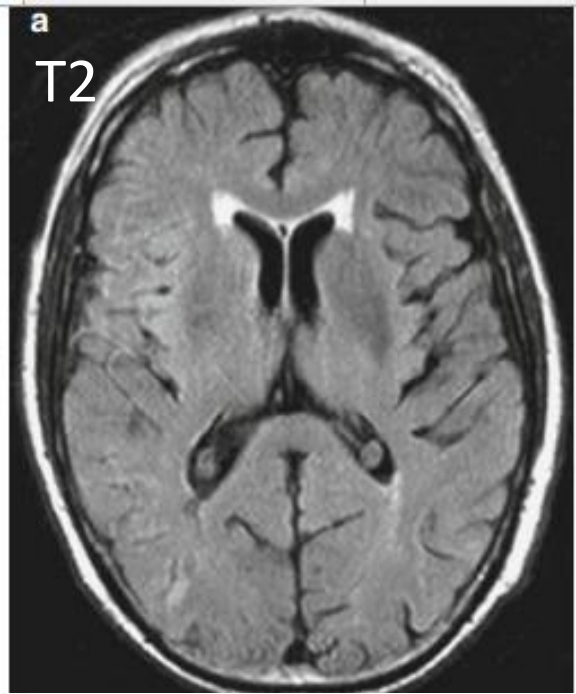
MRA



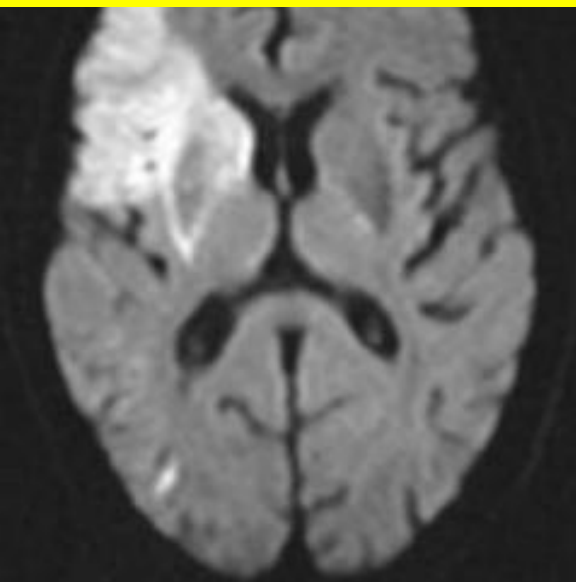
ADC



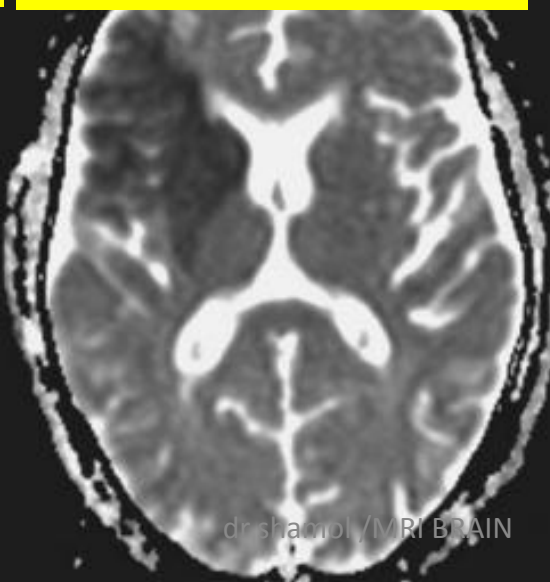
Large T2/Flair hyperintensity area with restricted diffusion in the left middle cerebral artery territory. MRA reveals no signal in the left middle cerebral artery, from M2 segment onward.



Axial diffusion-weighted image (DWI),



Axial apparent diffusion coefficient map (ADC)



STROKE after 2 hrs

The axial FLAIR and TSE T2-WI are within normal limits. Image quality is somewhat degraded by motion artifacts. The DWI shows a focal area of bright signal intensity in the right operculofrontal and sylvian region. On the ADC map, the area of restricted diffusion is confirmed as a hypointense lesion (decreased ADC). Signal abnormalities in the DWI and ADC maps indicate cytotoxic edema. The findings are consistent with hyperacute infarction of the right middle cerebral artery.

T1

T2

FLAIR

DW1

- ❖ infarction displays,
- ❖ low signal in T1
- ❖ bright signal in T2
- ❖ bright signal in FLAIR
- ❖ restricted diffusion

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MRA reveals occluded distal part of M2 segment of left MCA.

T1

T2

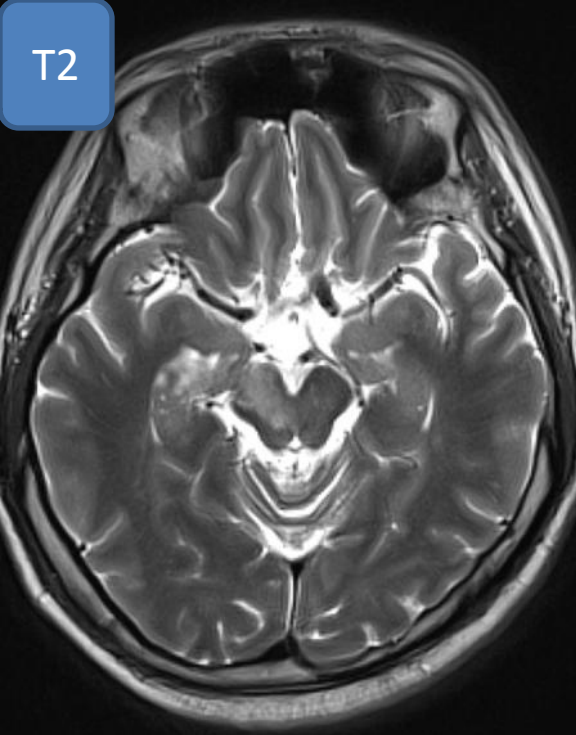
DW1

MRA

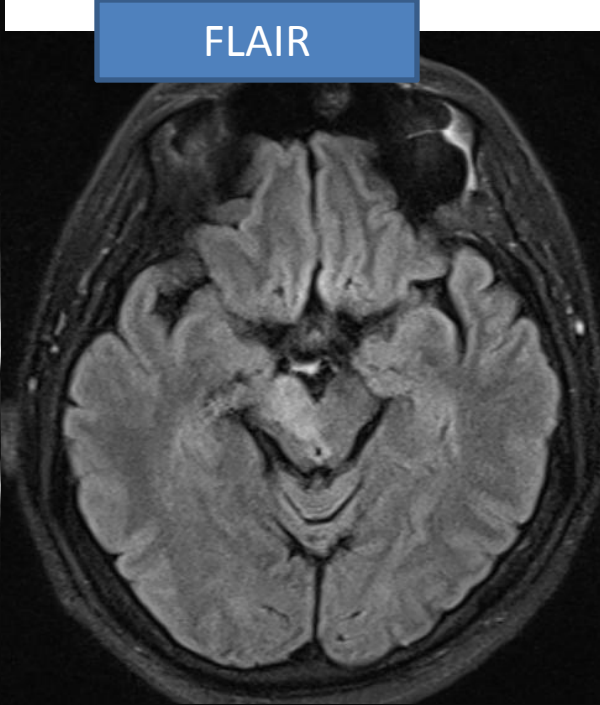
ADC

Well defined area of low T1 signal / high T2 signal with diffusion restriction in the left MCA territory. Loss of signal in the left MCA and its branches on the MRA.

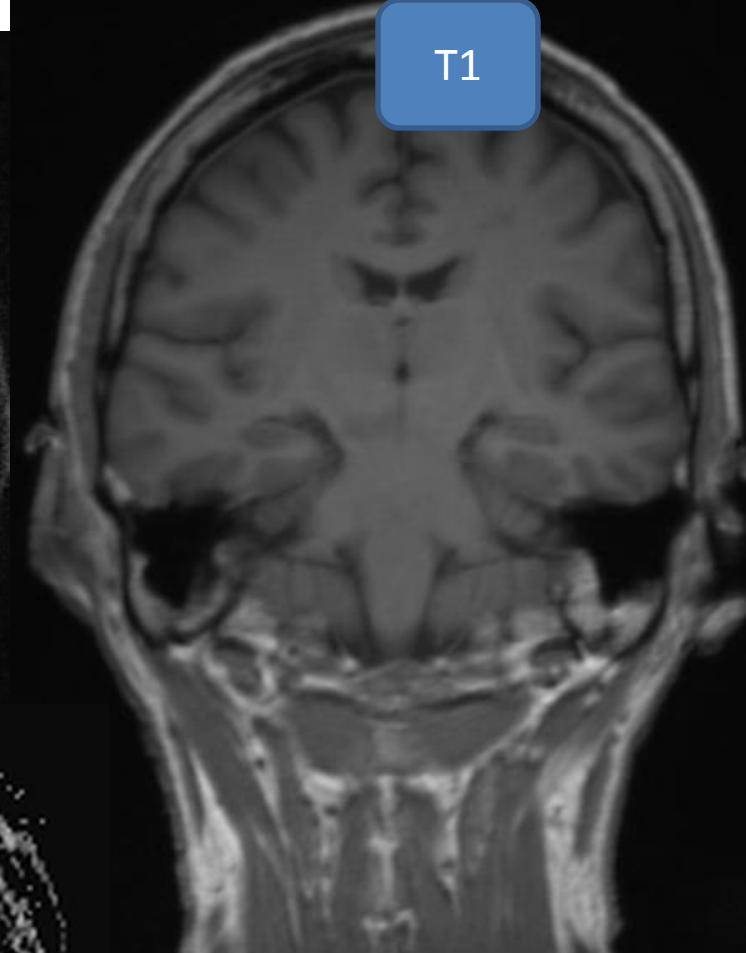
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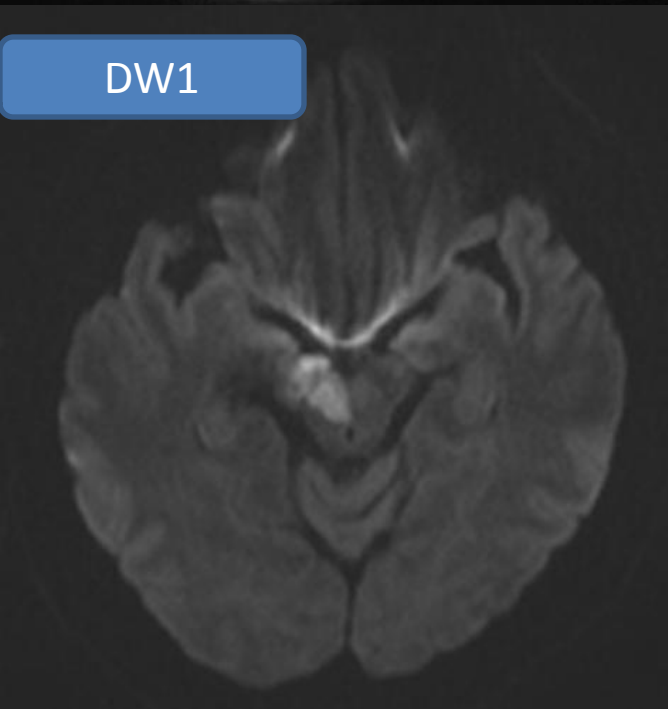
FLAIR



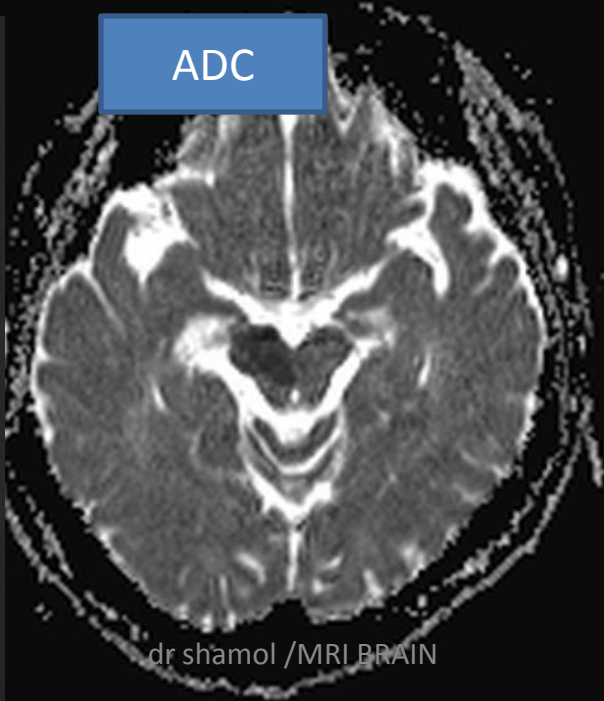
T1



DW1



ADC



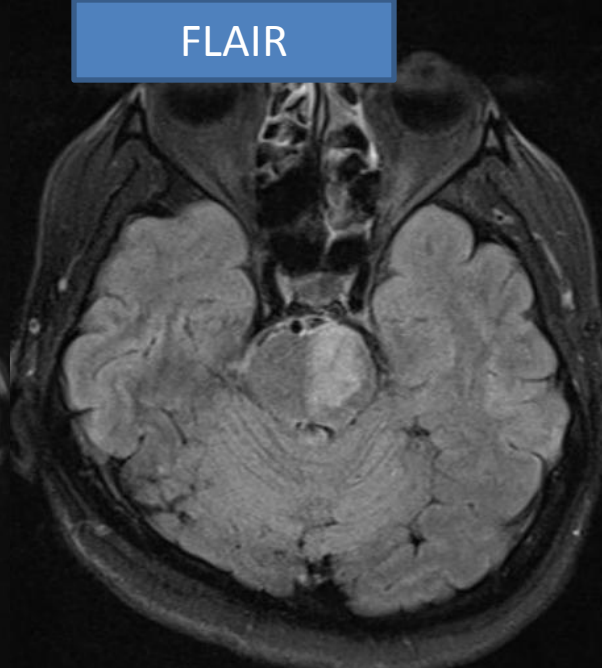
DWI/ADC map avid diffusion restriction in the right side of the mesencephalon, chiefly involving the tegmentum

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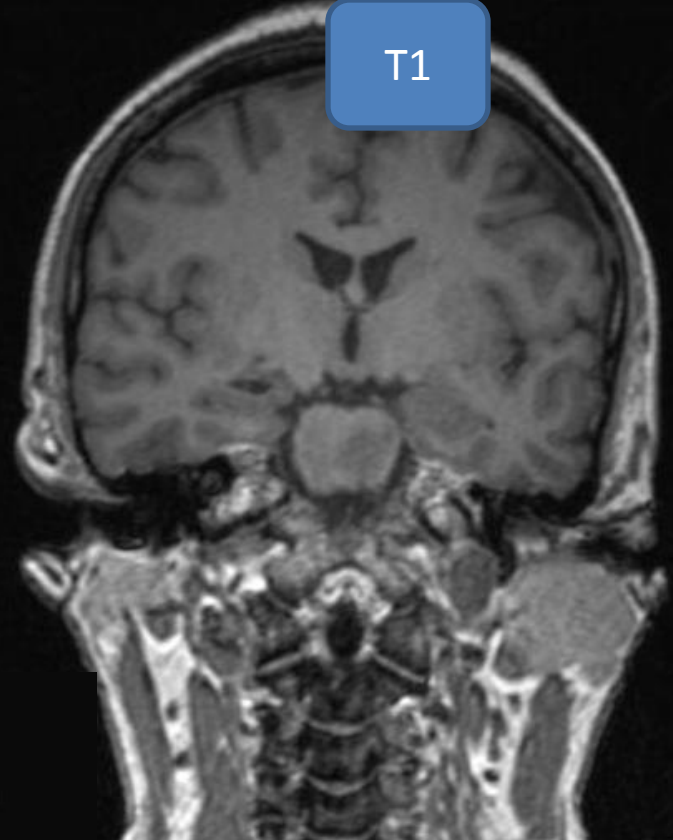
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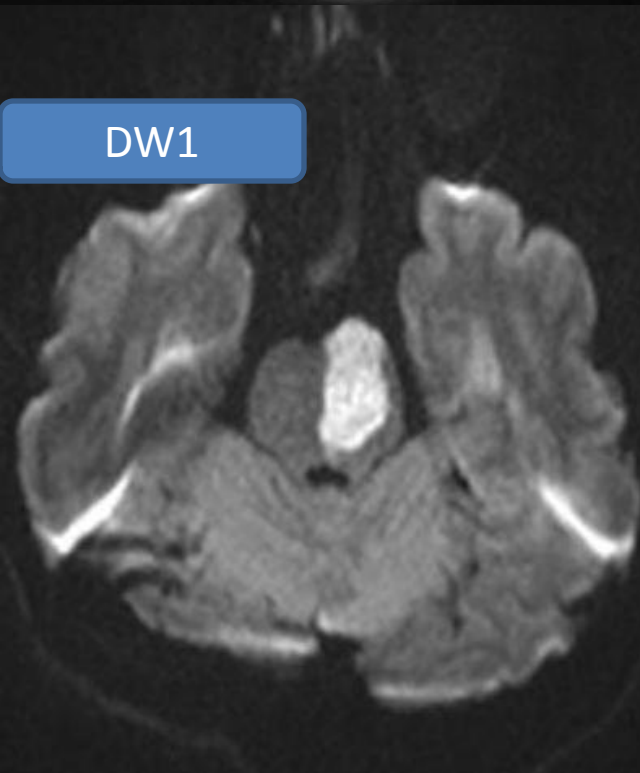
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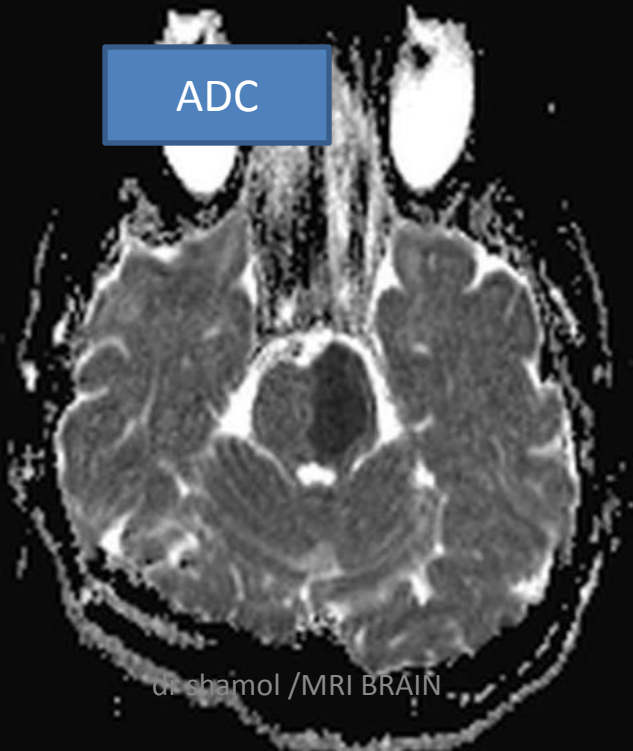
T1



DW1

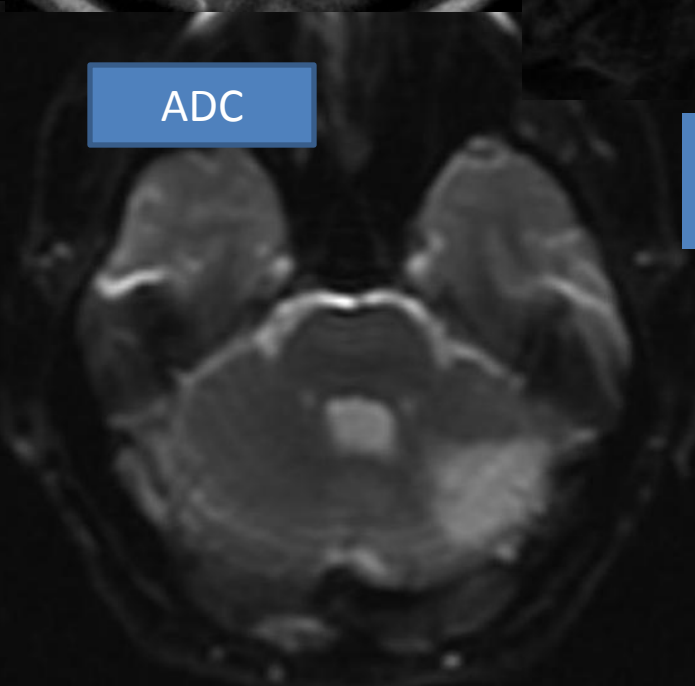
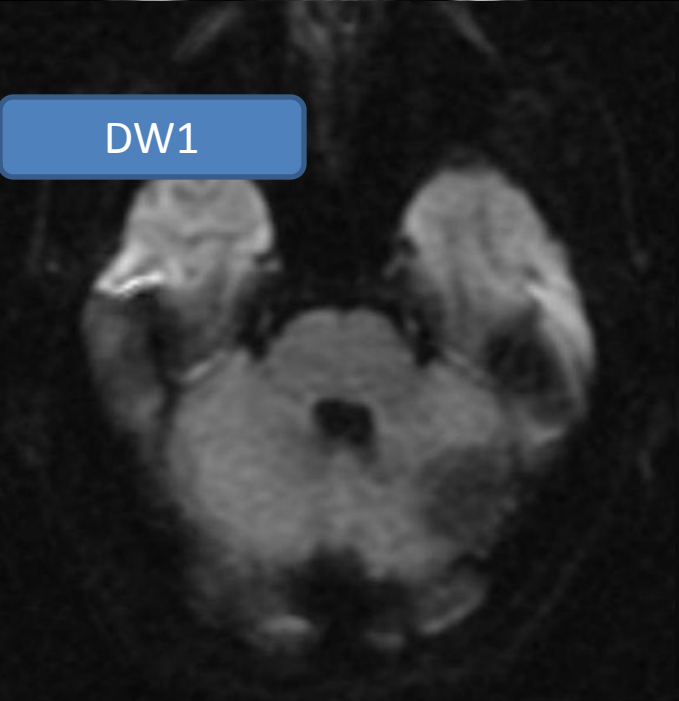
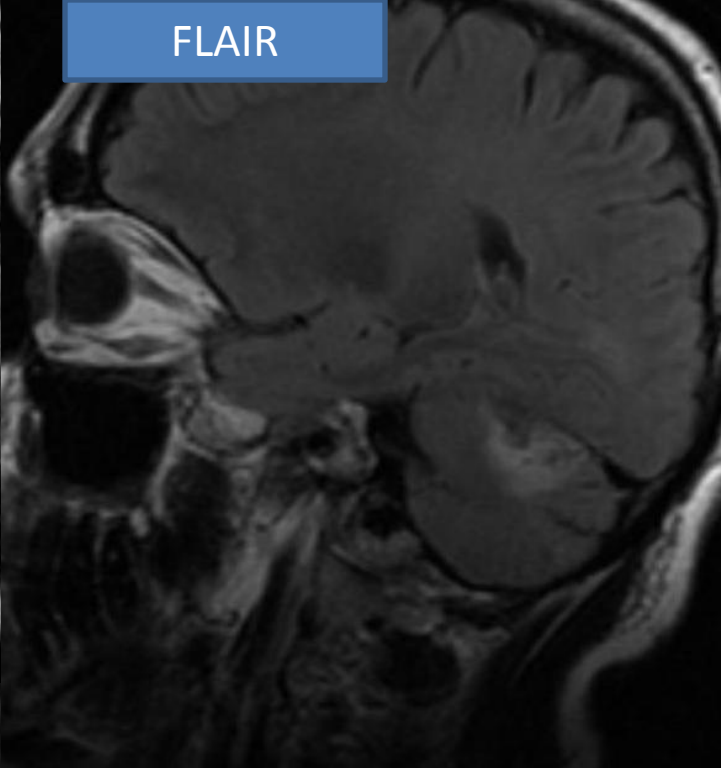
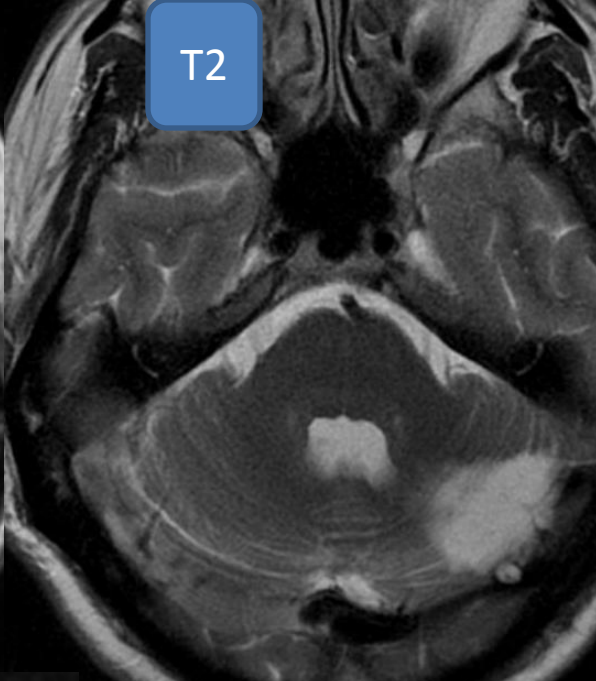
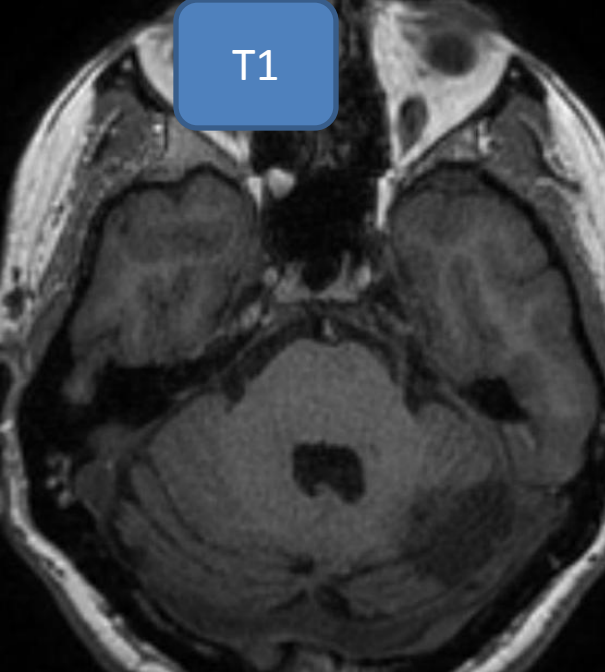


ADC



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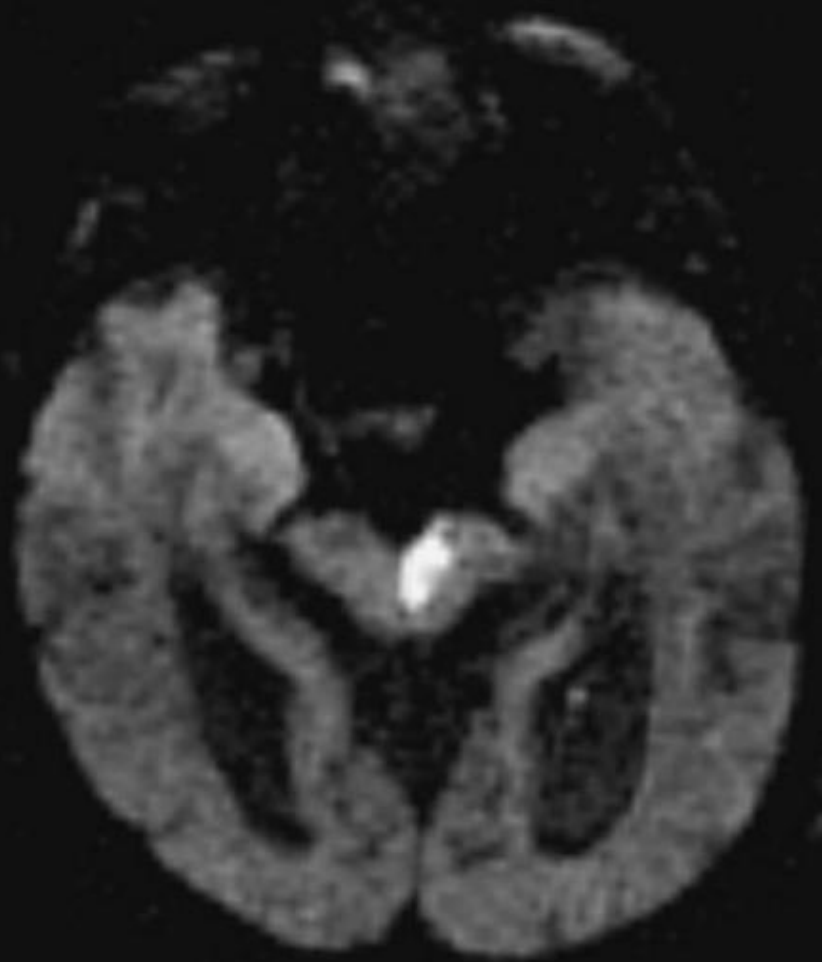
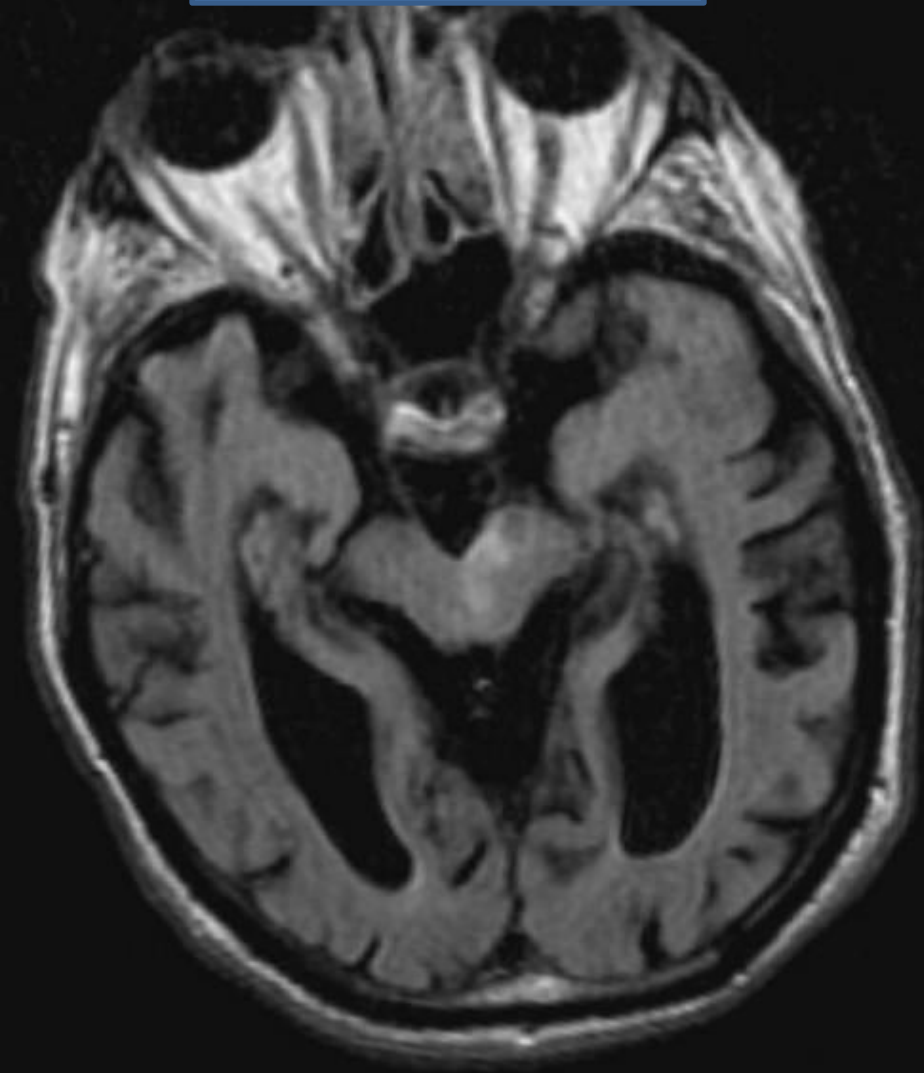
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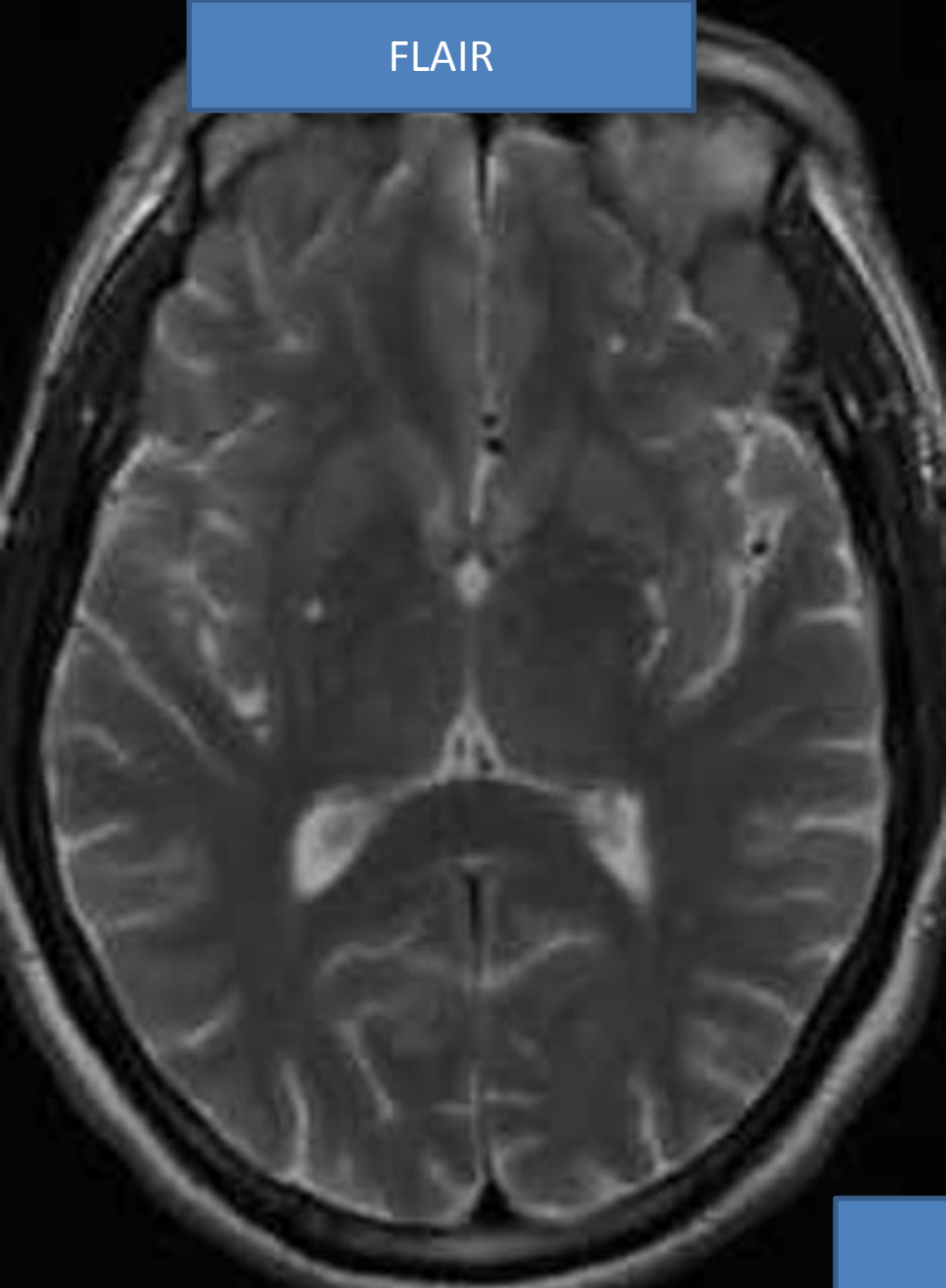
Old cerebellar stroke a
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FLAIR

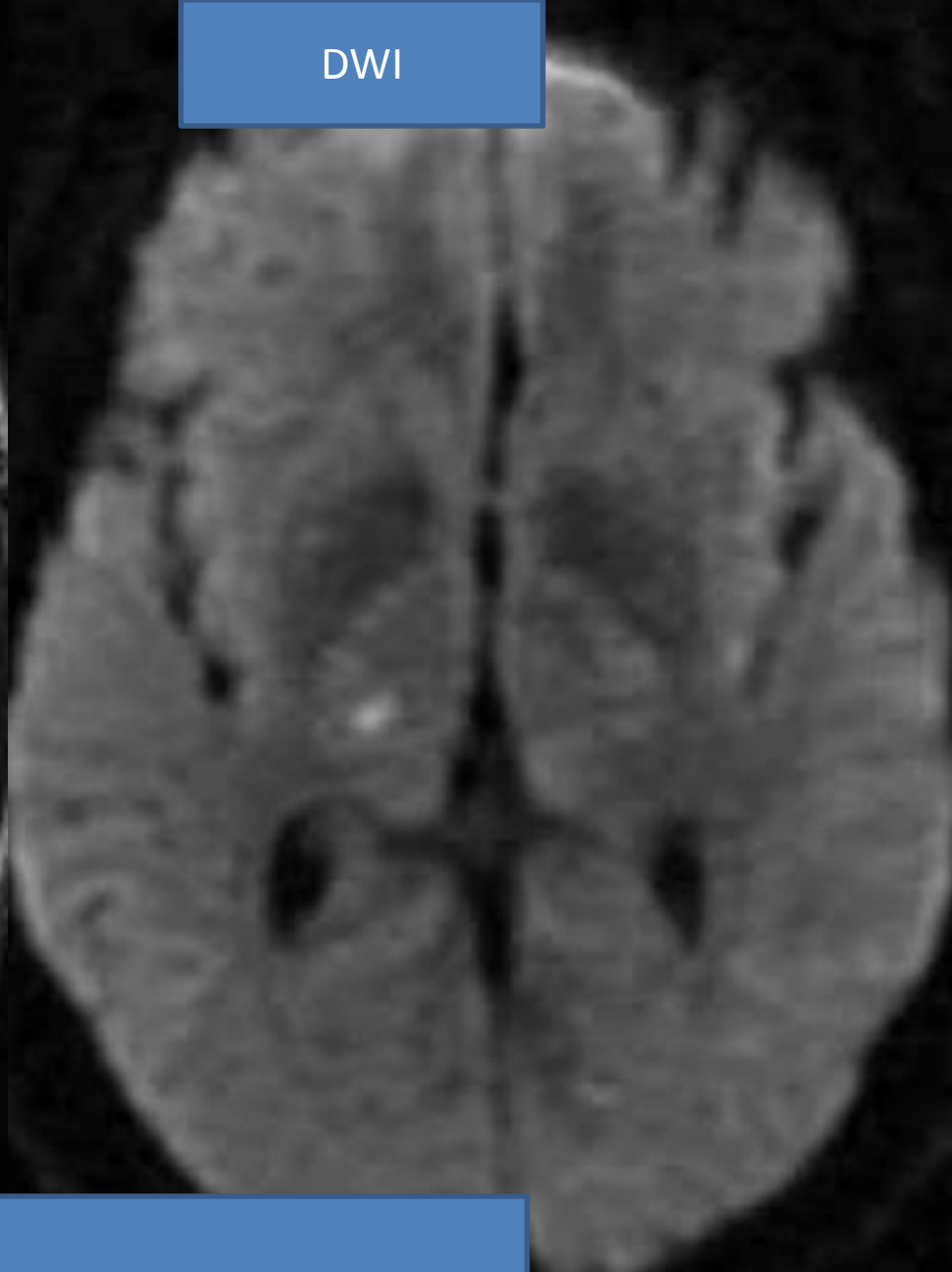
DWI



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DWI

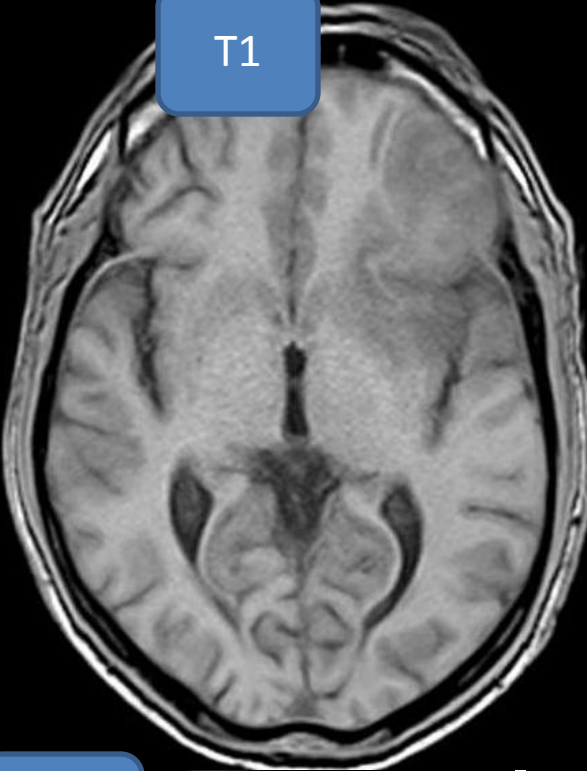


Lacunar infarction

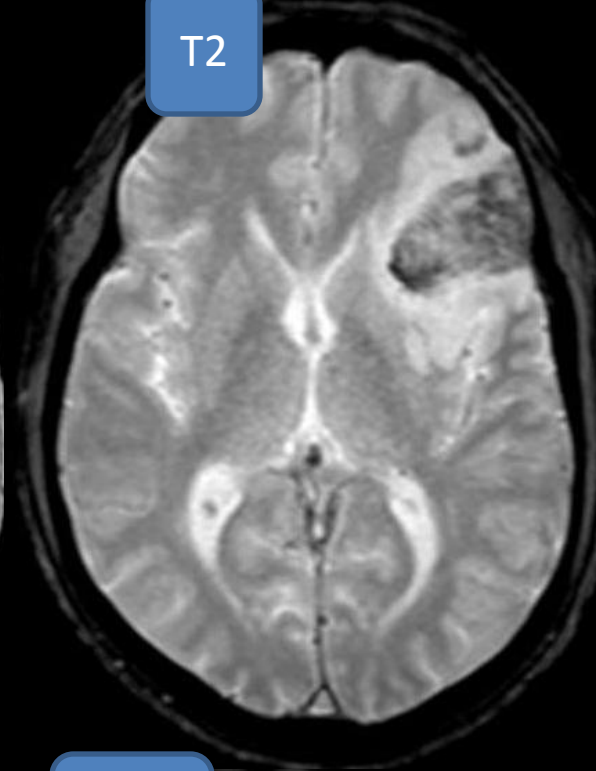
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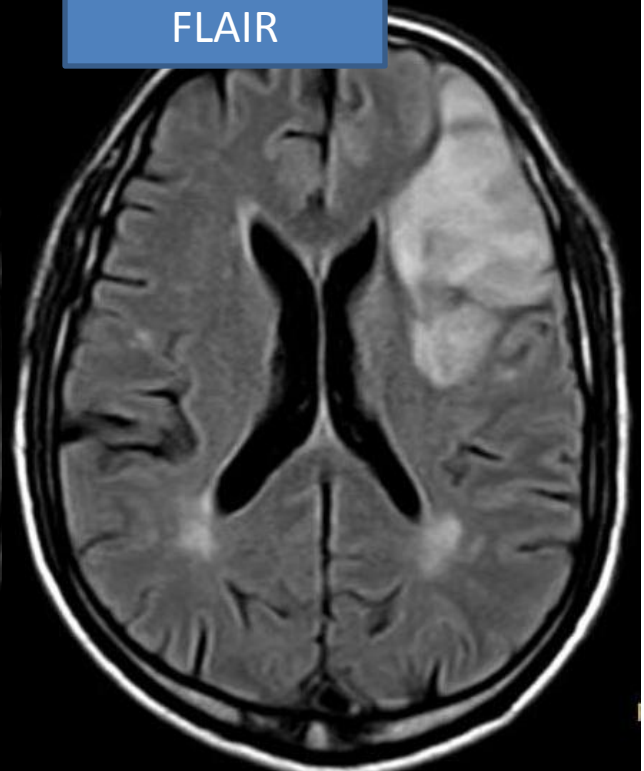
T1



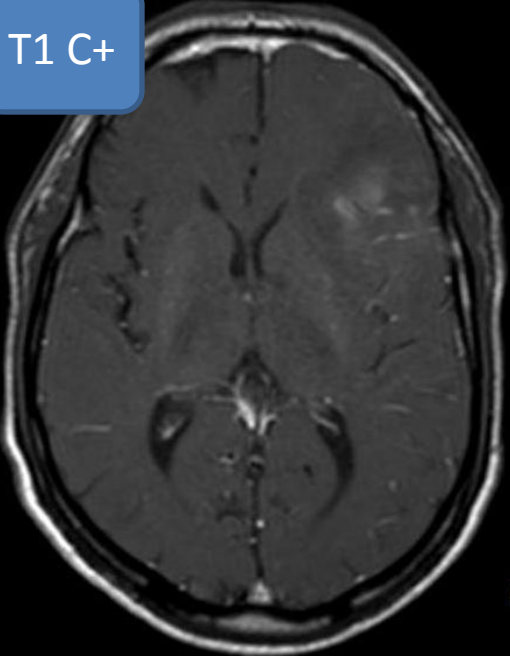
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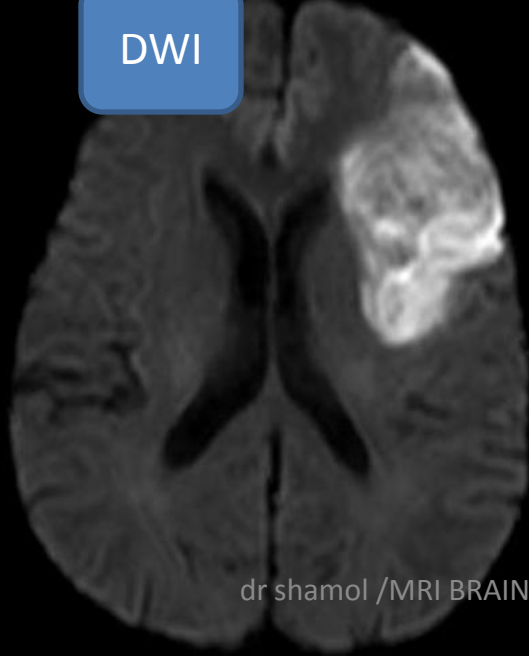
FLAIR



T1 C+



DWI



Left frontal subacute infarction that exhibits restricted diffusion in DWI, hypointense signal in T1 and hyperintense signal in FLAIR.

T2* images show hypointense area of hemosiderine deposition within the lesion

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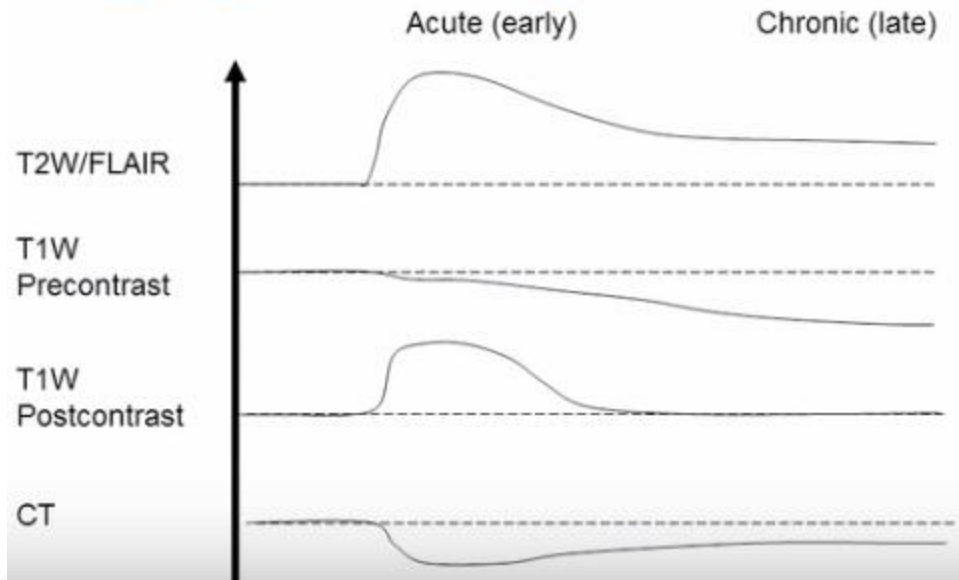
Haemorrhagic cerebral infarction

MS

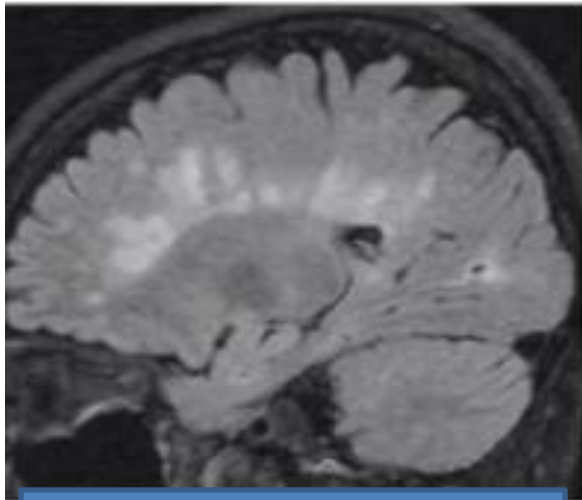
Imaging MS: Timing

Site of lesion :

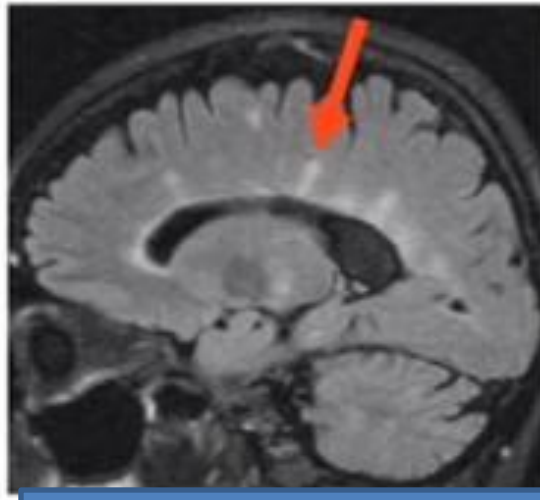
- ❖ Periventricular
- ❖ Callosal –septal margin
- ❖ Corpus callosum
- ❖ Pons
- ❖ Anterior temporal lobe
- ❖ Pons
- ❖ Deep white matter
- ❖ Cerebellum
- ❖ Spinal cord



Location: Sagittal FLAIR



Peri-Callosal



Callosal

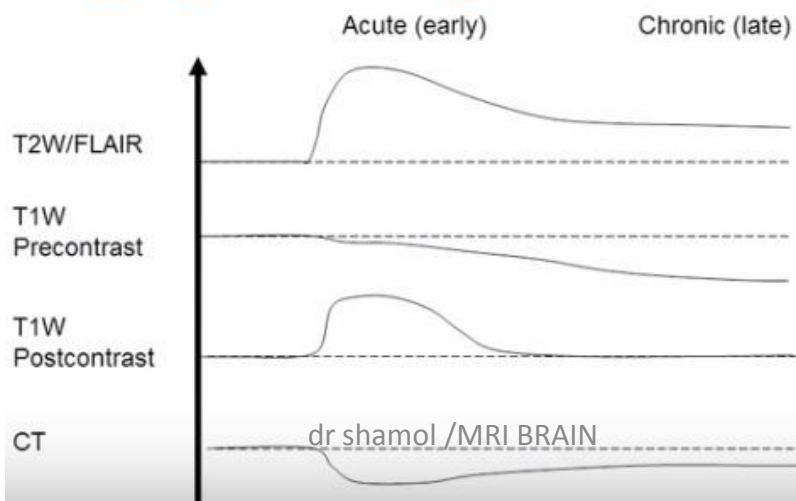


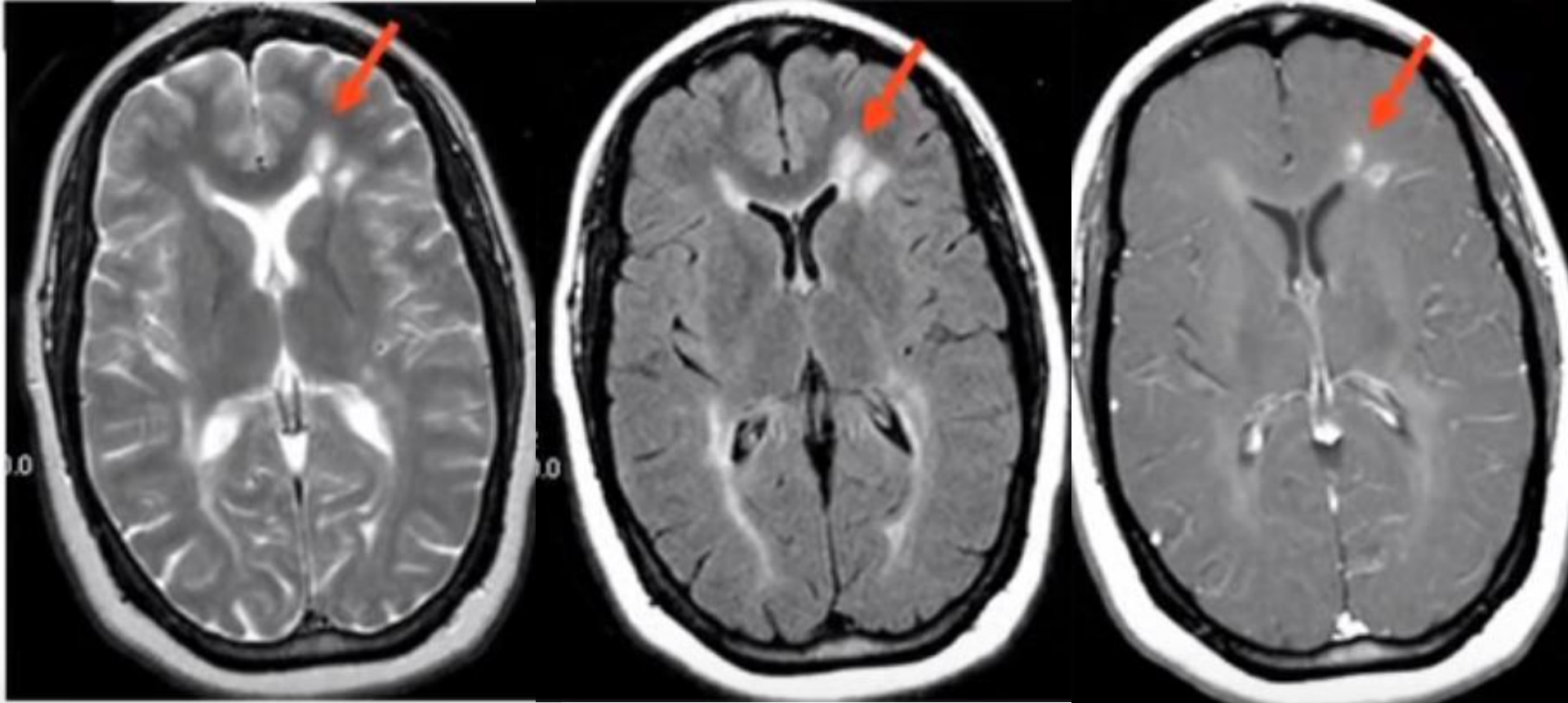
Callosal –septal

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Phase	lesions are
T1	➤ typically iso- to hypointense (T1 black holes)
T2	typically hyperintense
FLAIR	typically hyperintense
	more sensitive than T2 in detection of juxtacortical and periventricular plaques
	a very early sign is called "ependymal dot-dash sign": alternating small foci of hyperintensity along the calloseseptal interface
	when these propagate centrifugally along the medullary venules and arranged perpendicular to the lateral ventricles in a triangular configuration (extending radially outward - best seen on parasagittal images), they are termed Dawson's fingers
T1 C+ (Gd)	active lesions show enhancement
	enhancement is often incomplete around the periphery (open ring sign)

Imaging MS: Timing



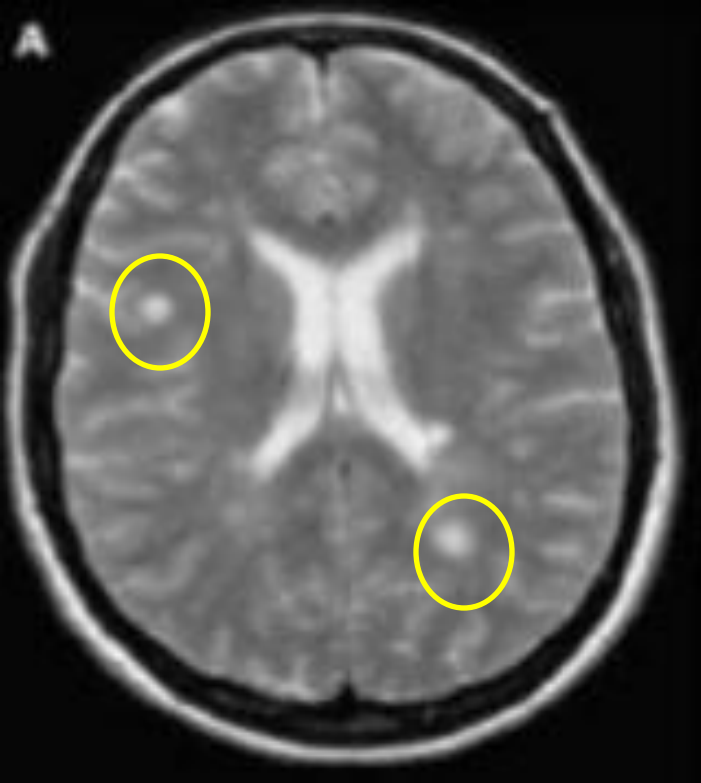


T2

FLAIR

T1 C

HYPER INTENSE LESION
OF MS



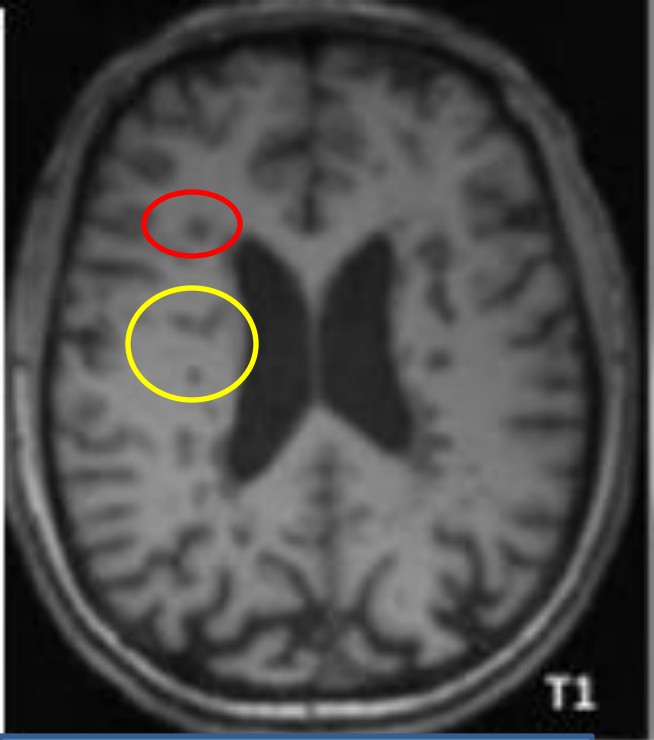
T2-weighted (A).



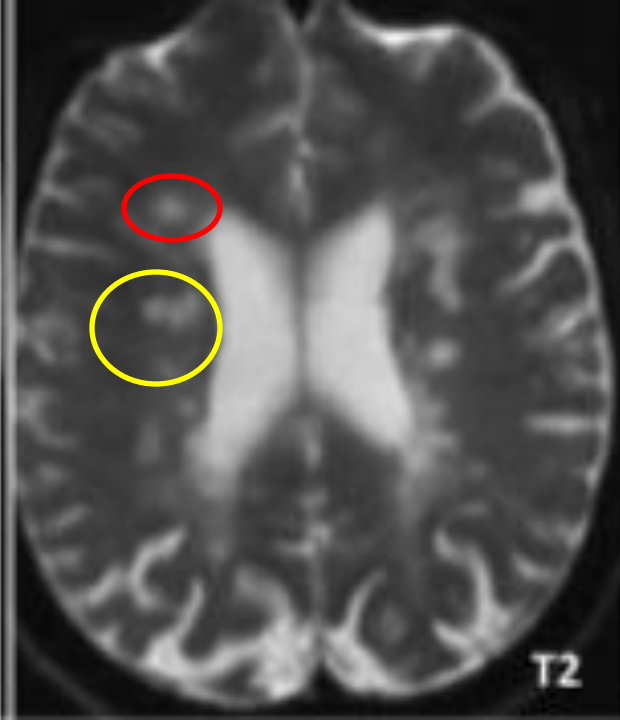
post-contrast T1-weighted (B)

A shows Two hyperintense lesion in T2 .
Two of them enhanced in B with gadolinium-DTPA.
This is a sign of increased blood-brain barrier permeability and continuing inflammation.

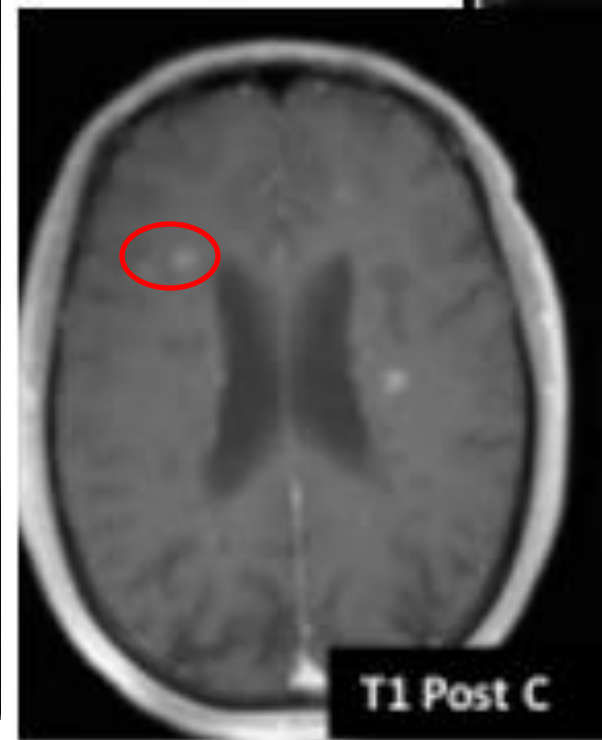
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Hypointense
periventricular lesion

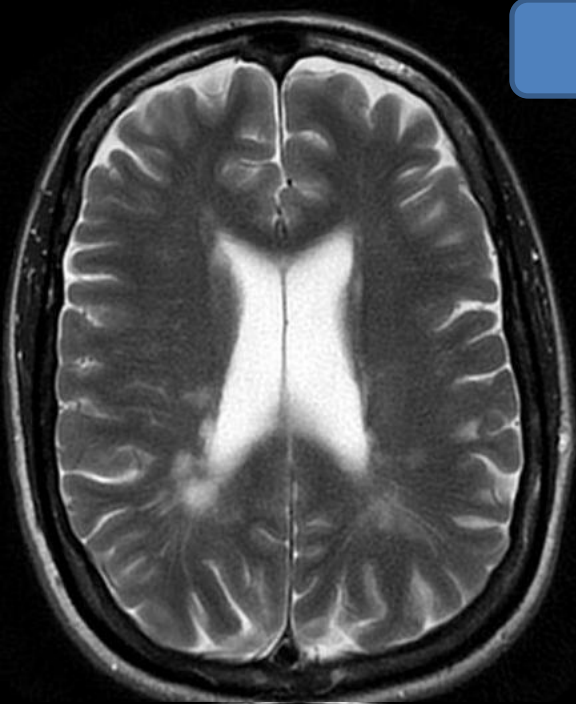


Hyperintense
Periventricular lesion

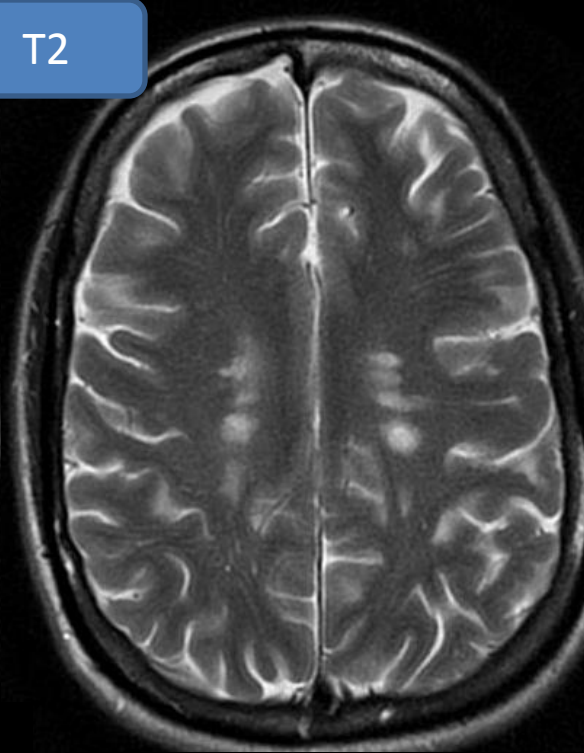


Post contrast enhancing
lesion

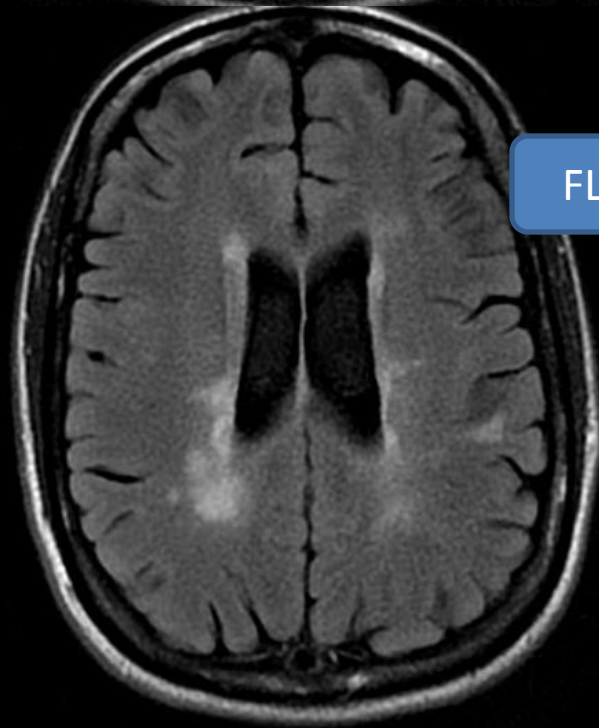
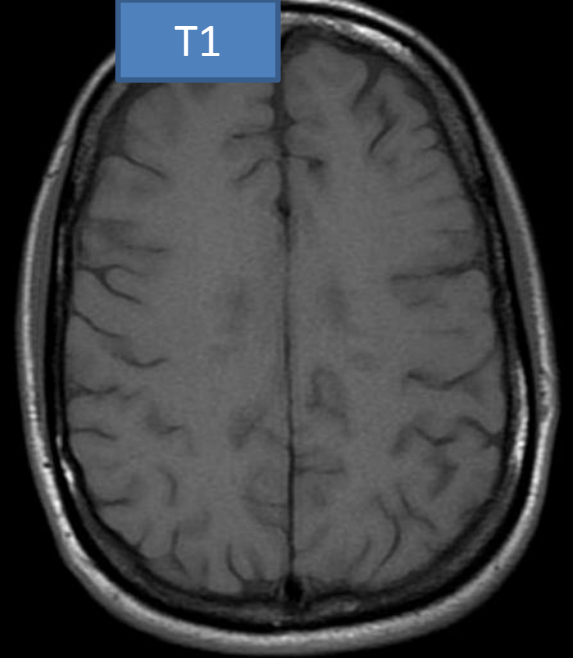
Case MS -1



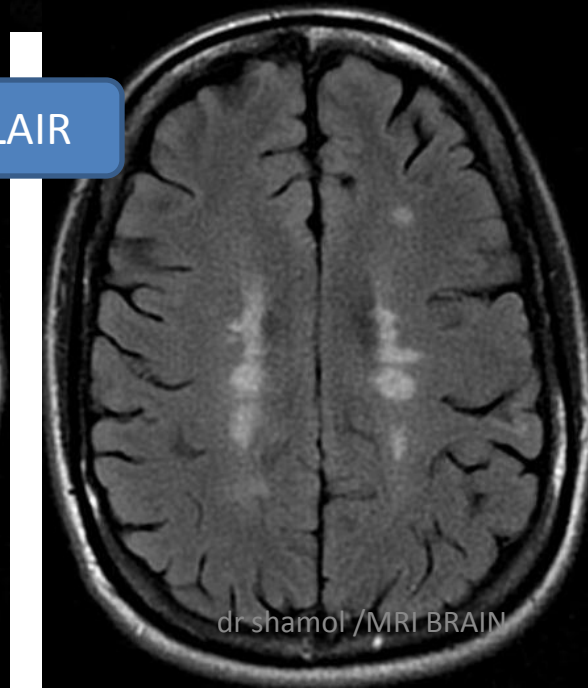
T2



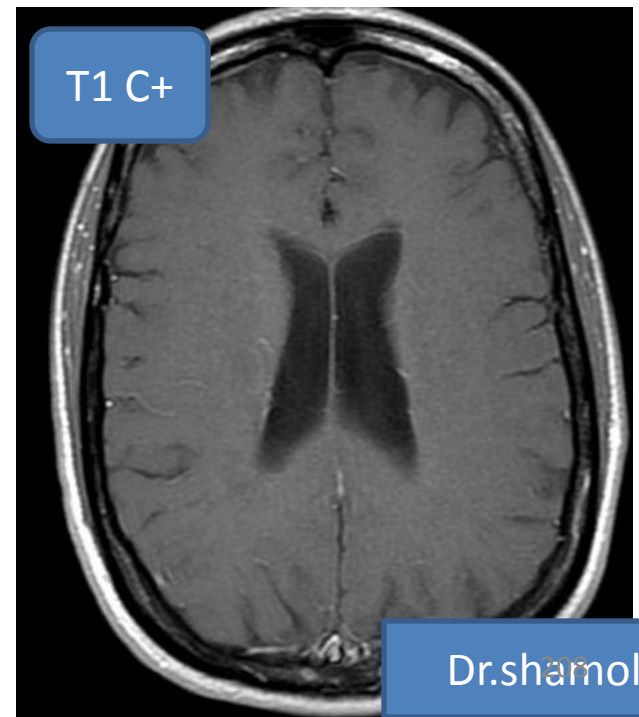
T1



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T1 C+

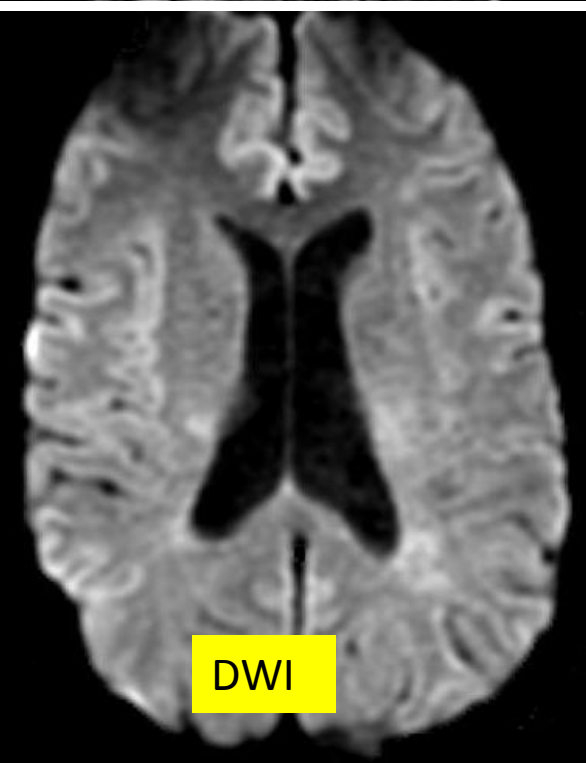
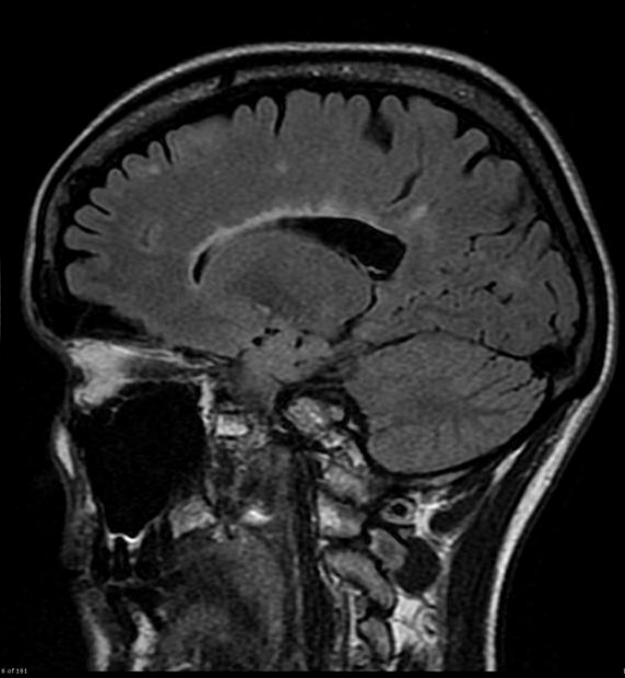
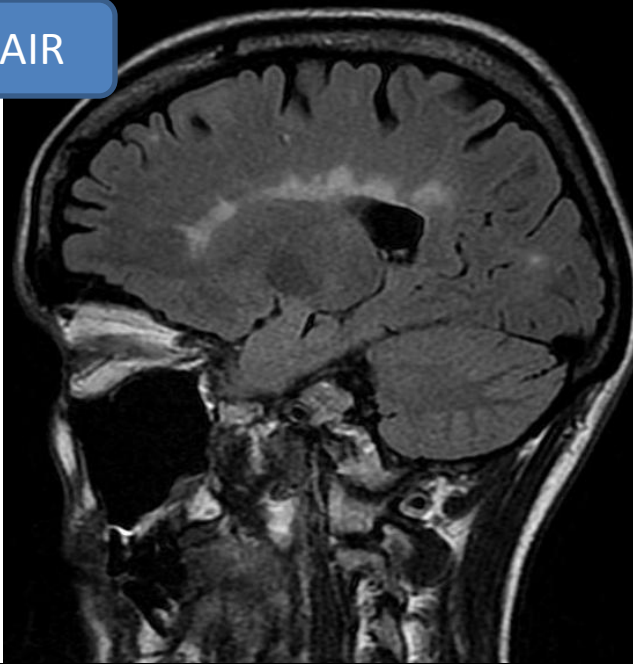
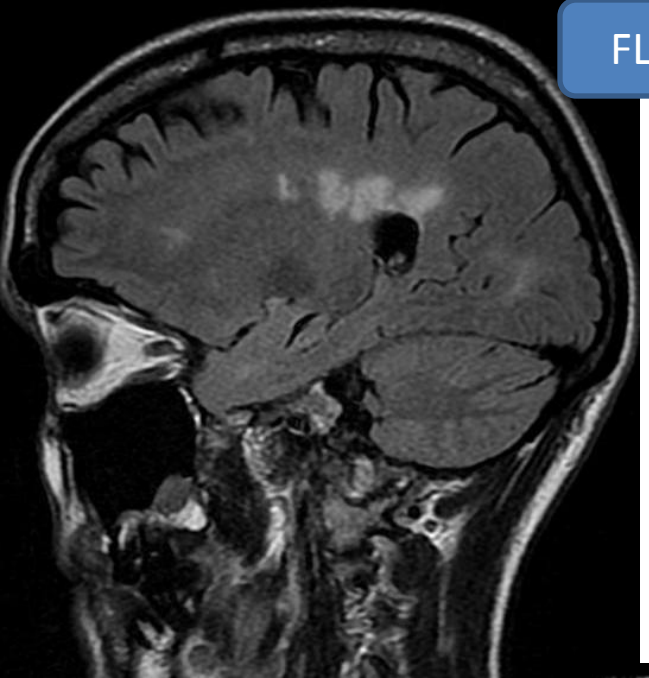


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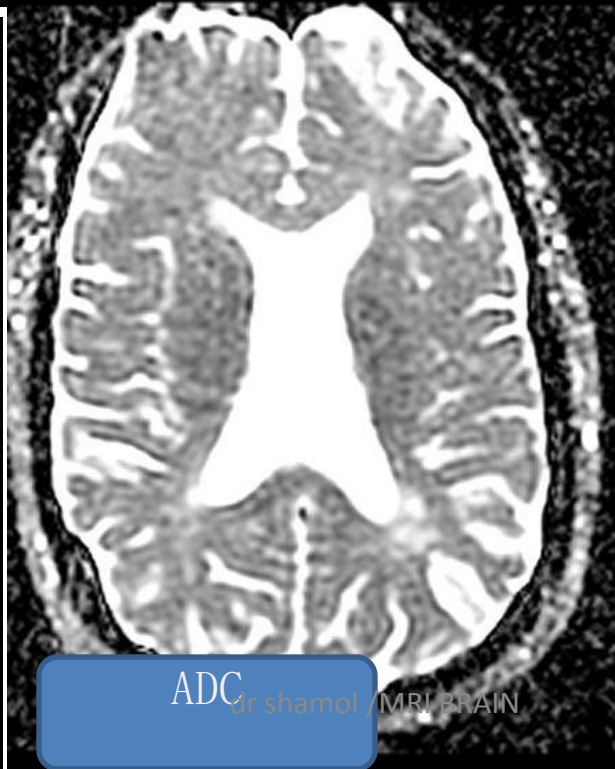
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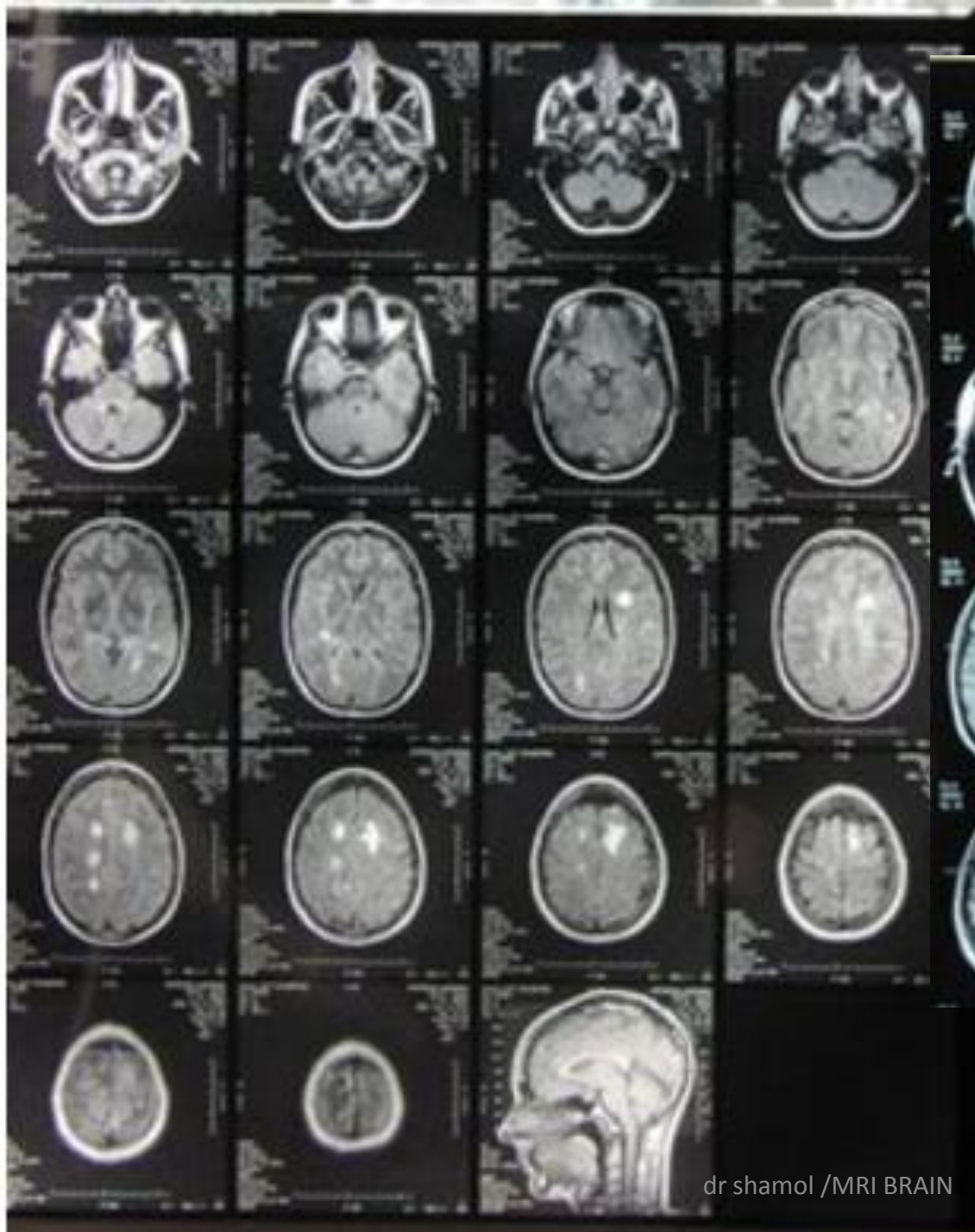


ADC

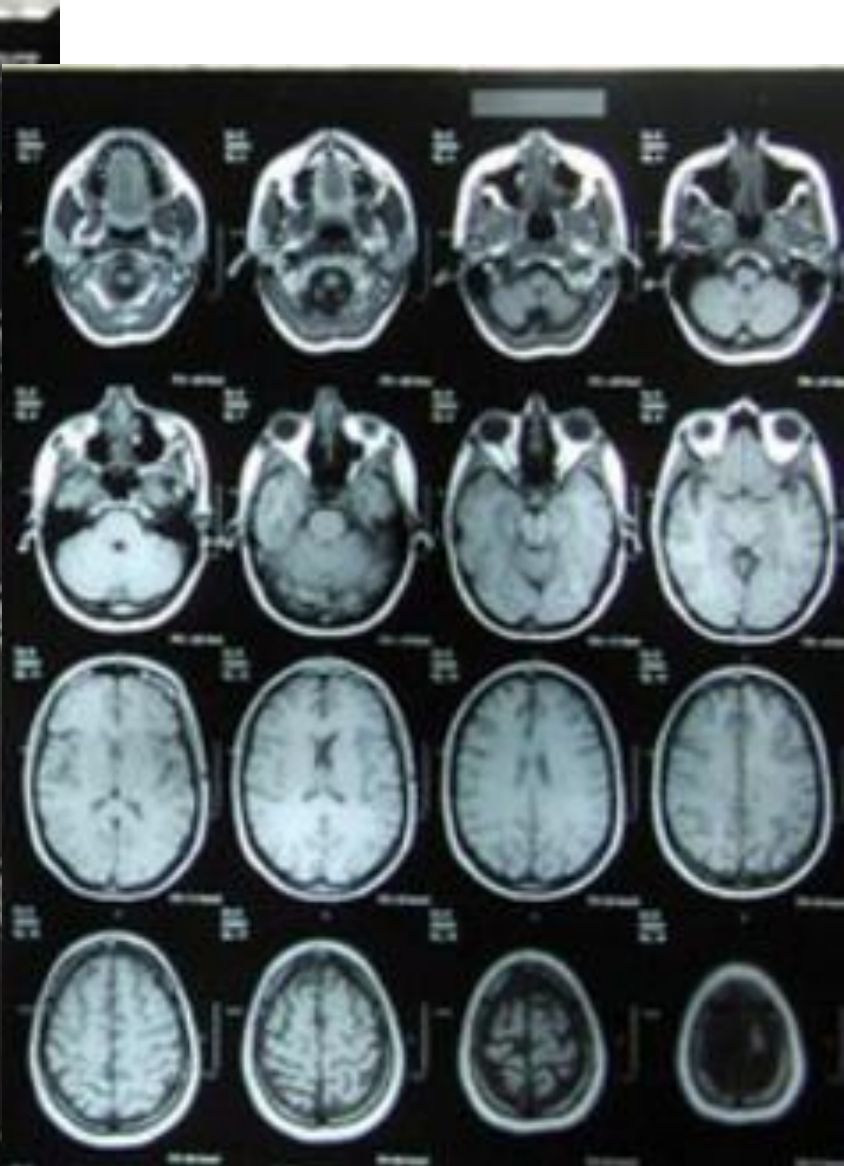
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Widespread white matter T2 regions of hyperintensity are seen bilaterally, particularly in a periventricular distribution, with appearance is characteristic of multiple sclerosis. No enhancement or restricted diffusion to suggest current/recent activity.

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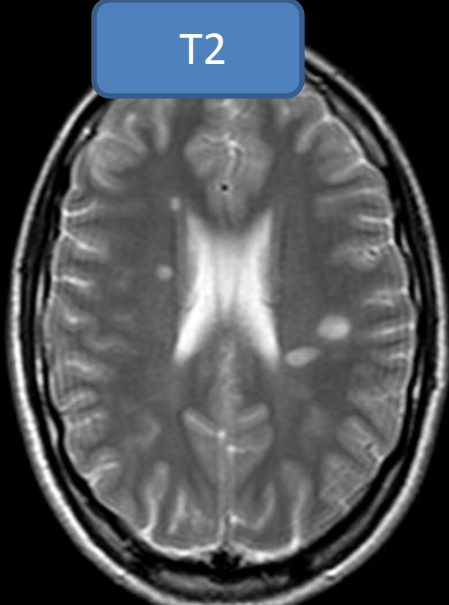
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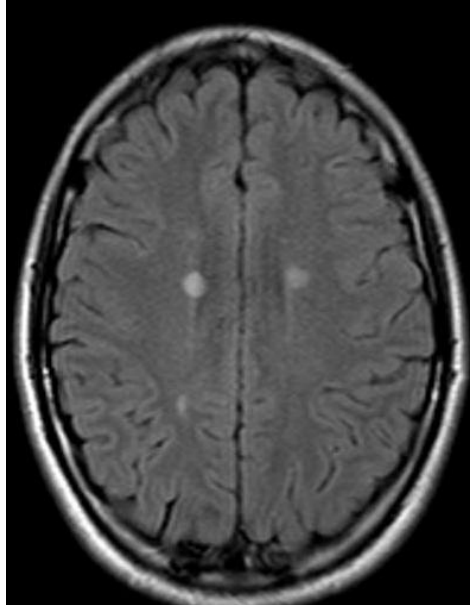
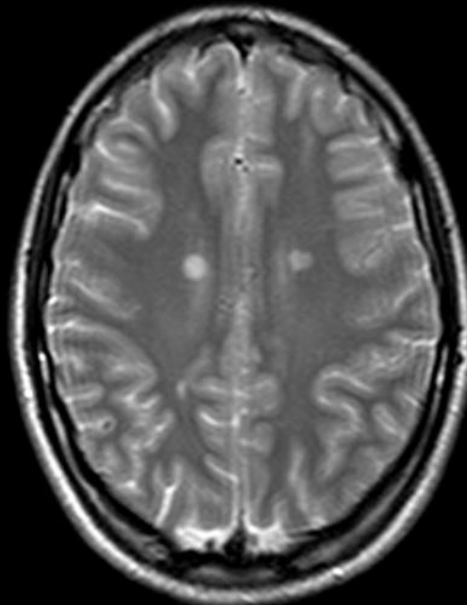
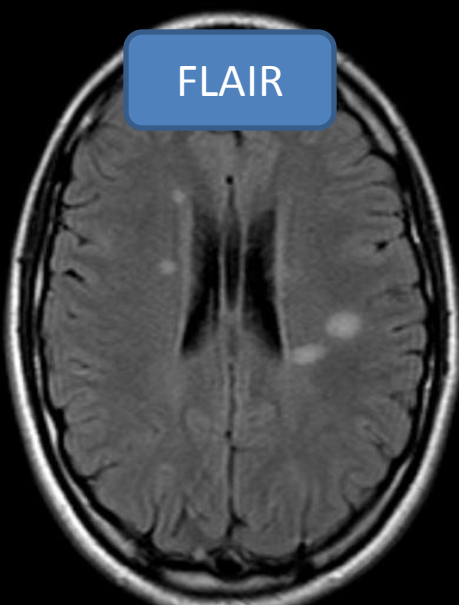
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Case MS -2

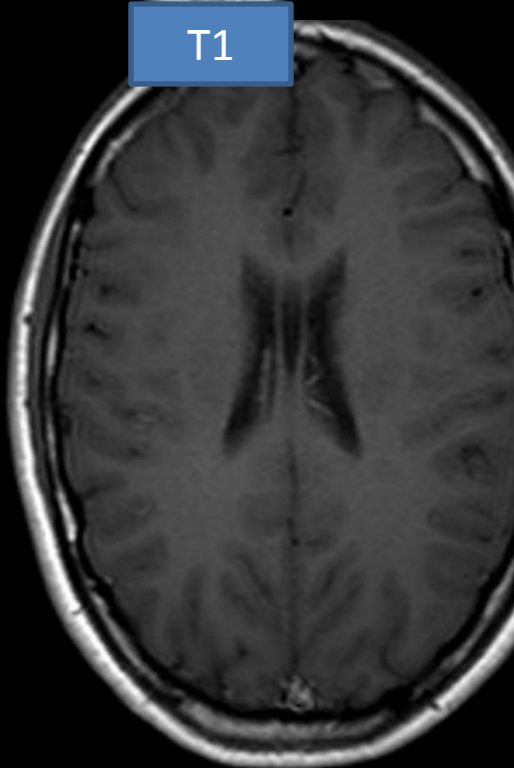
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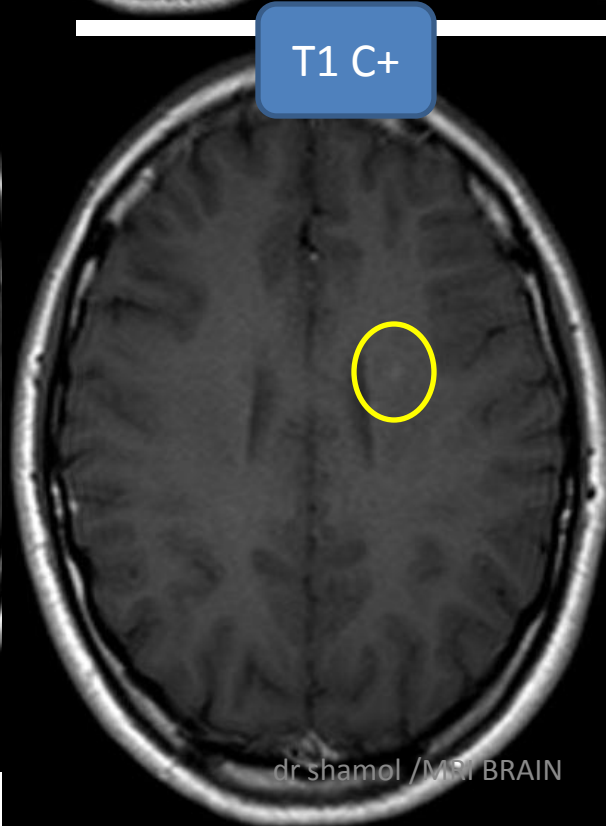
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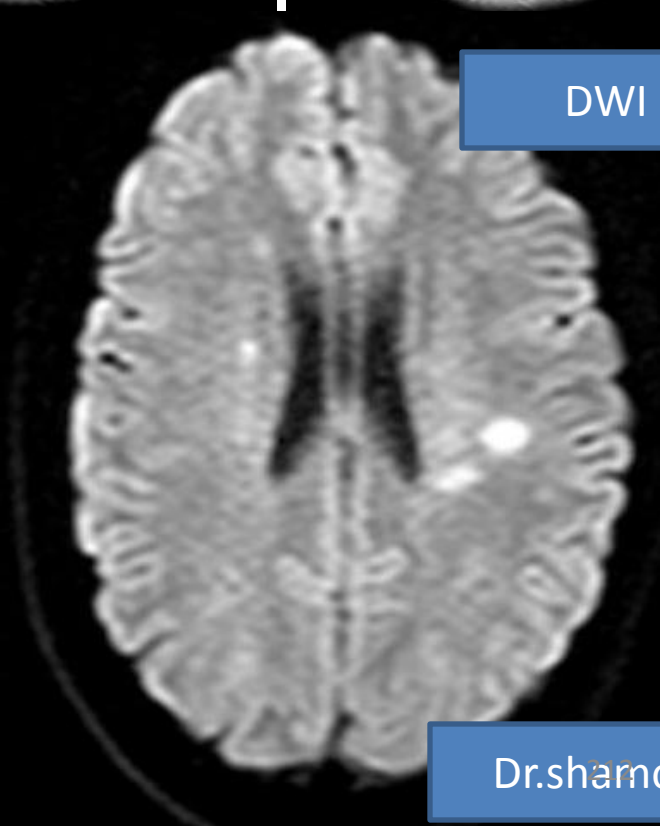
T1



T1 C+

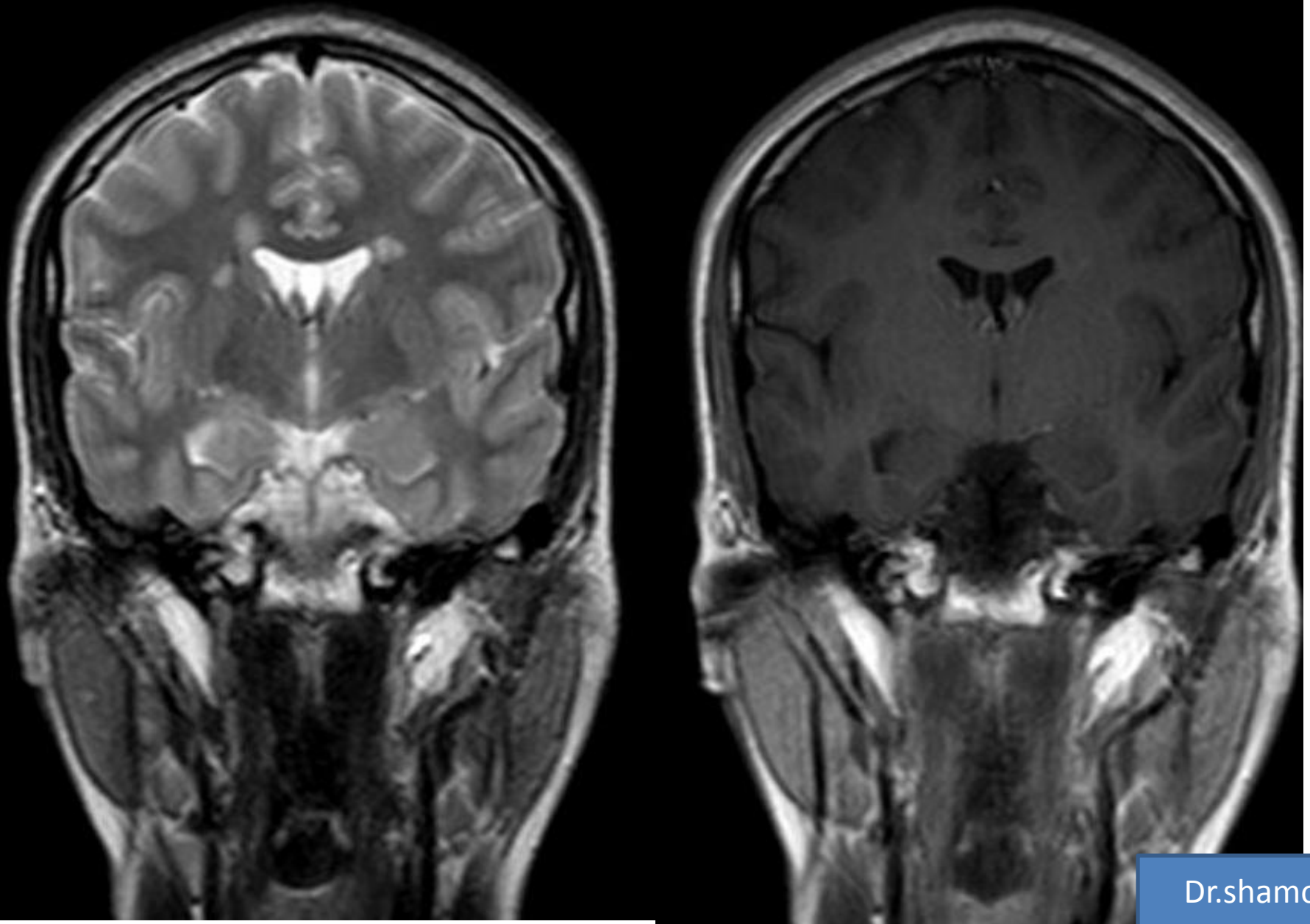


DWI



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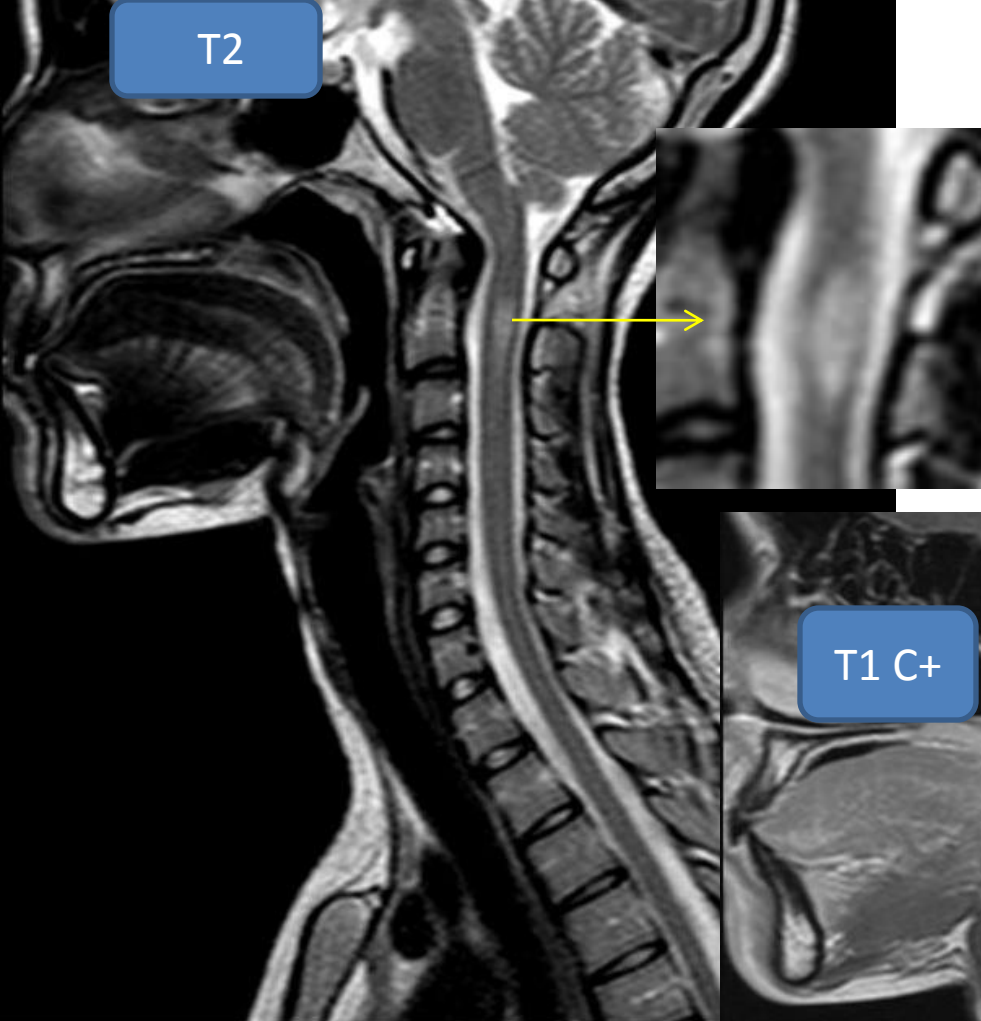


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Multiple white matter oblong shape plaques oriented perpendicular to the corpus callosum ([Dawson fingers](#)) and display bright signal in T2, FLAIR and DWI. One of them shows faint enhancement in post contrast scan.

Case MS -3

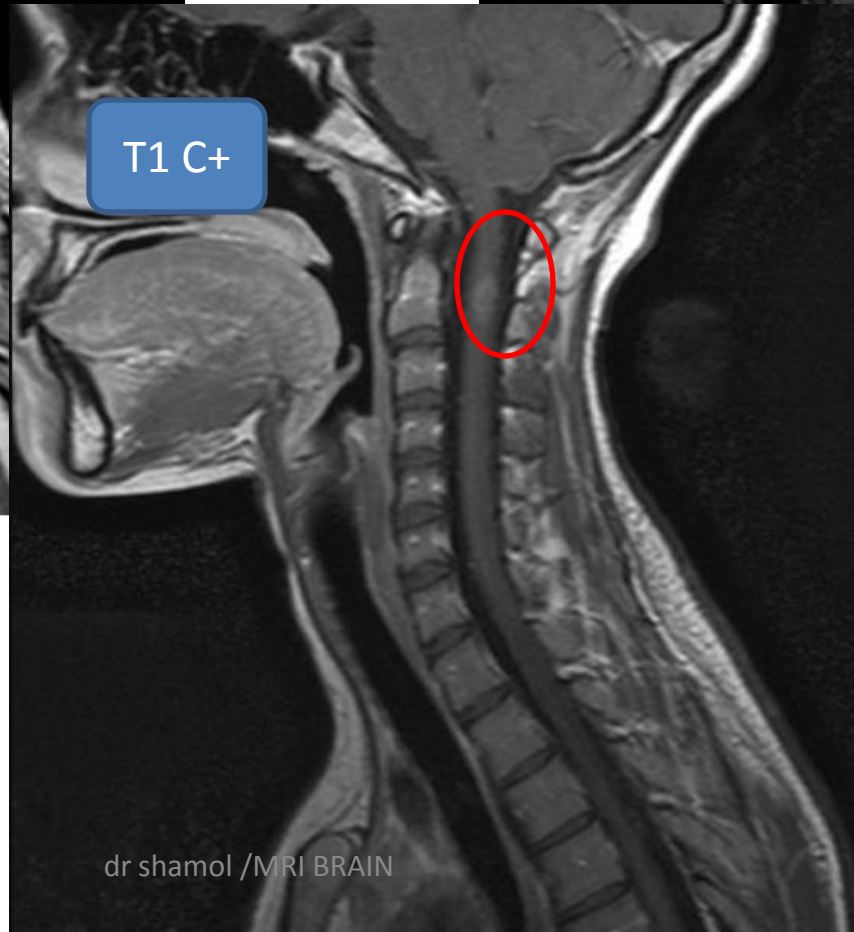
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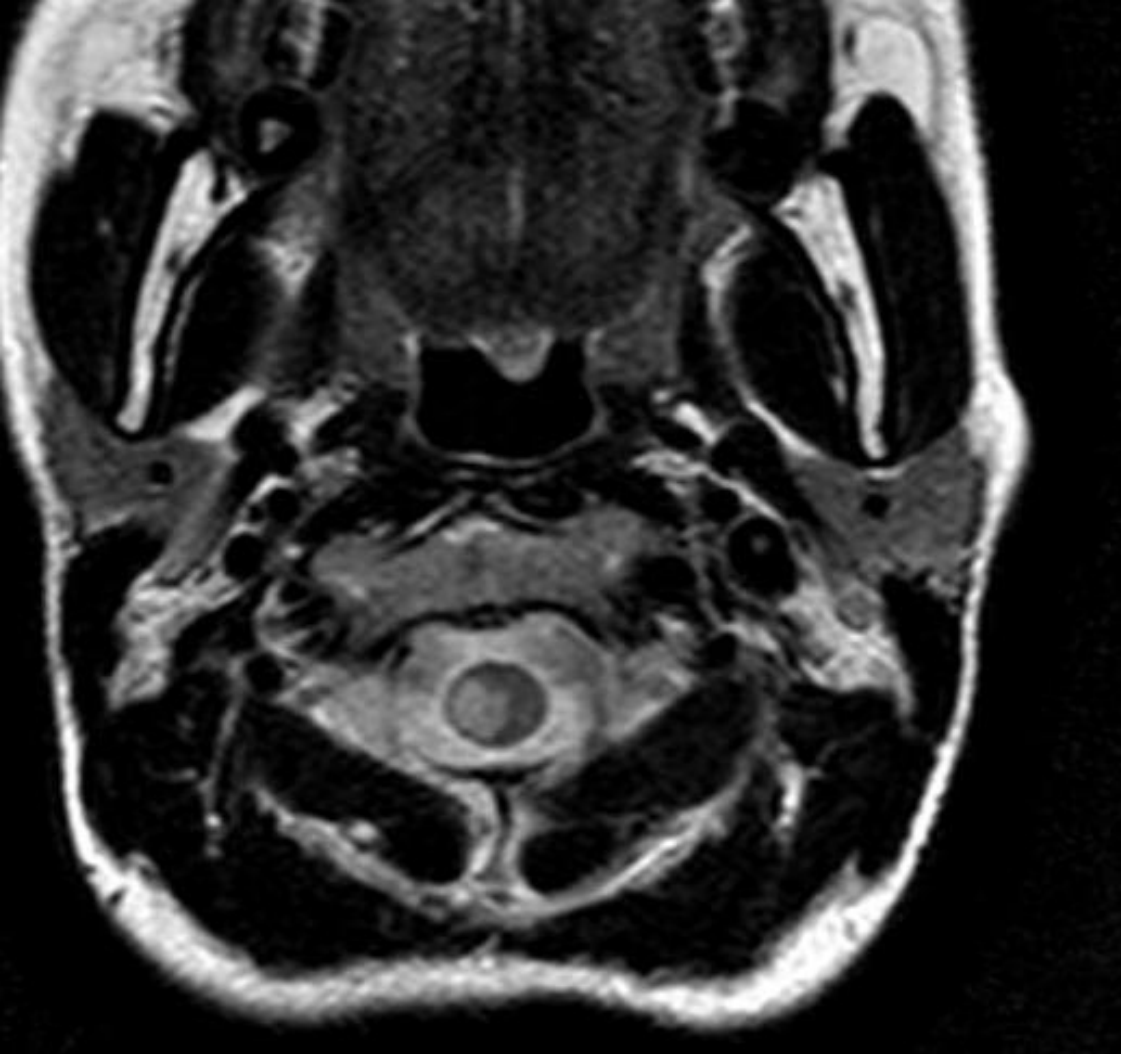


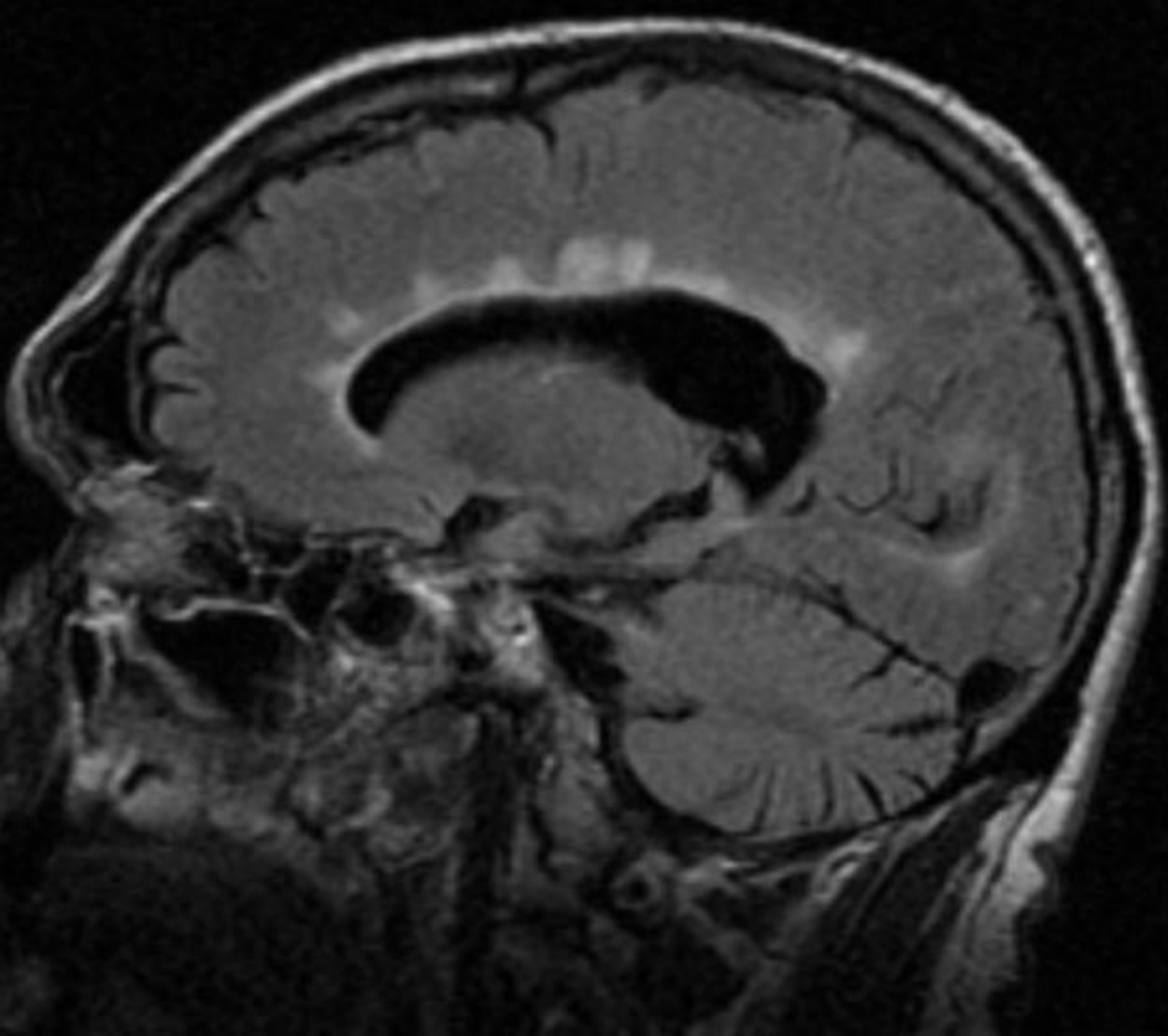
T1



T1 C+







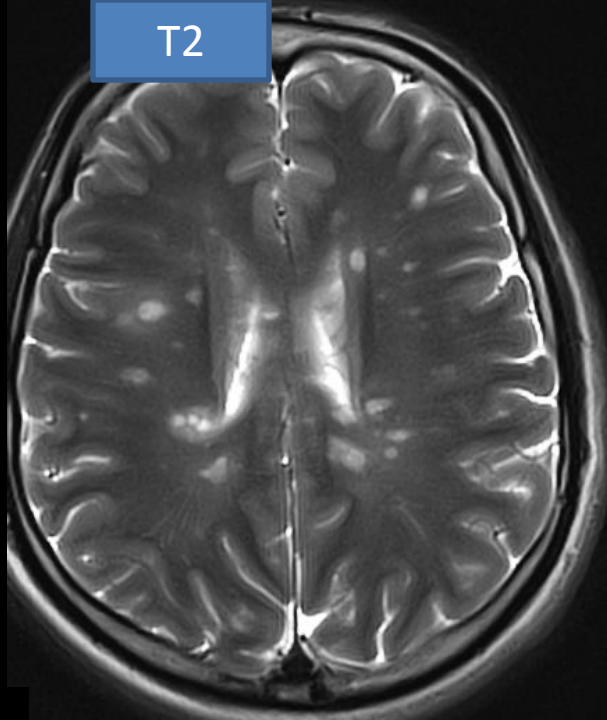
Dawson's fingers: MS plaques extending up through corpus callosum.

Case MS -4

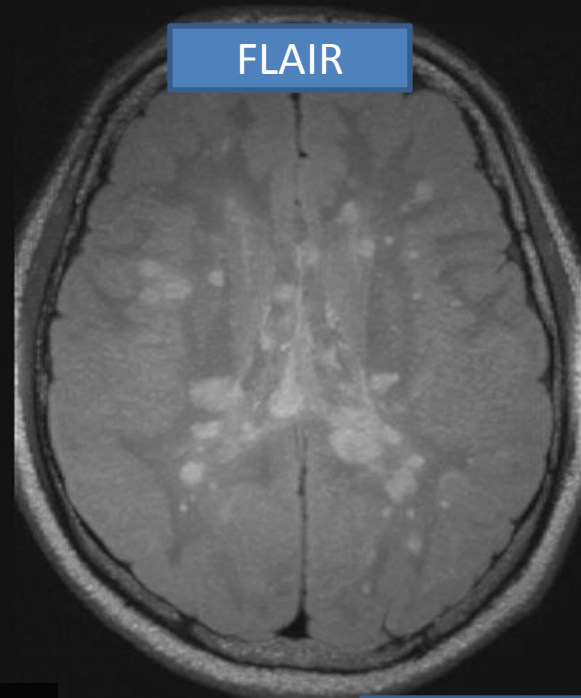
T1



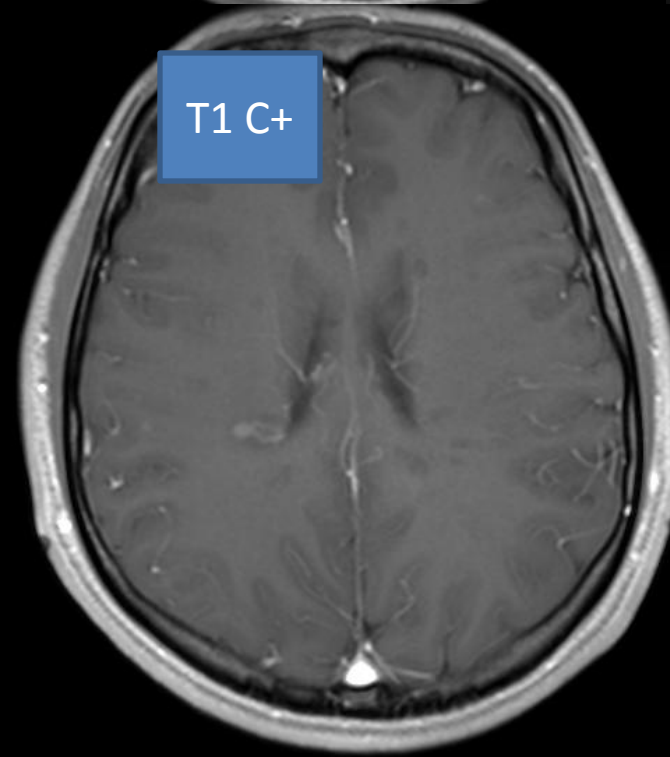
T2



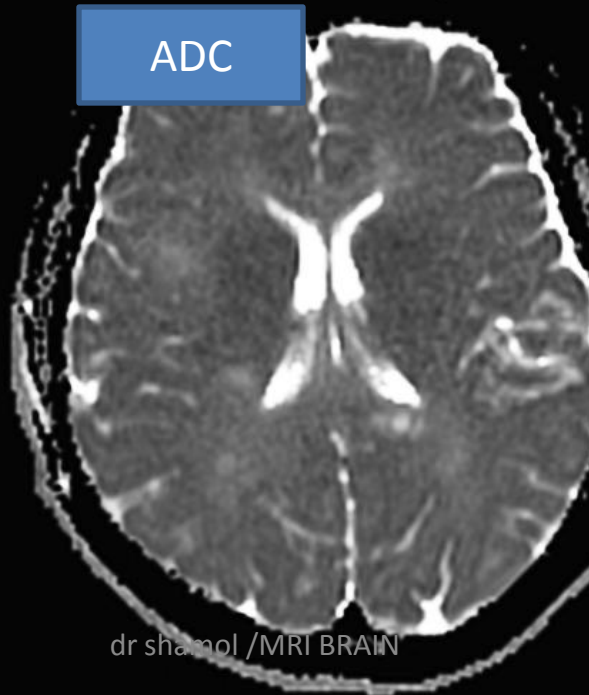
FLAIR



T1 C+

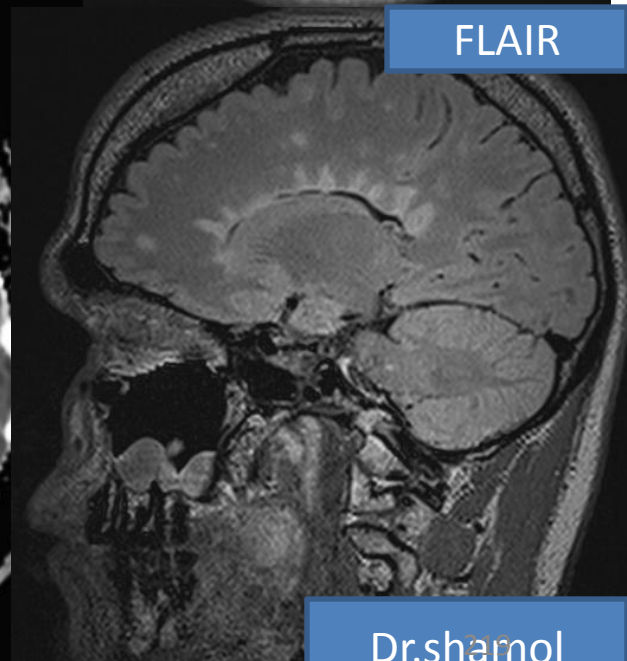


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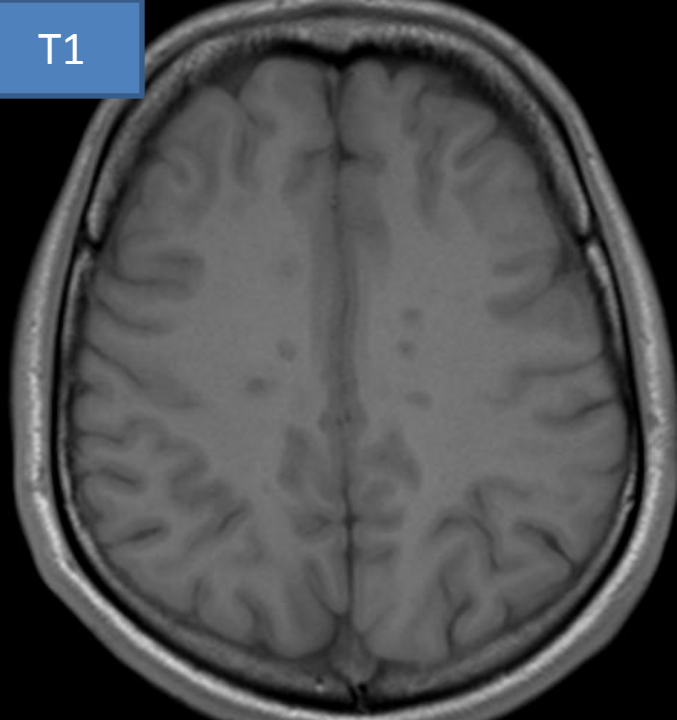
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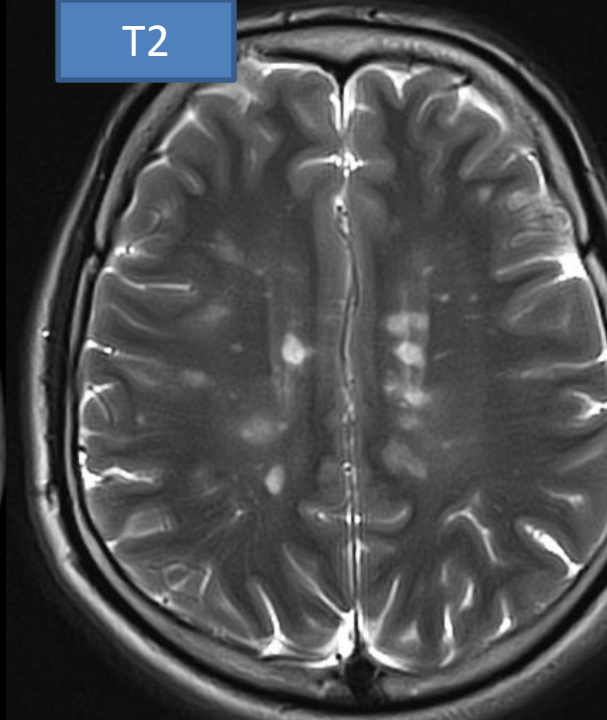


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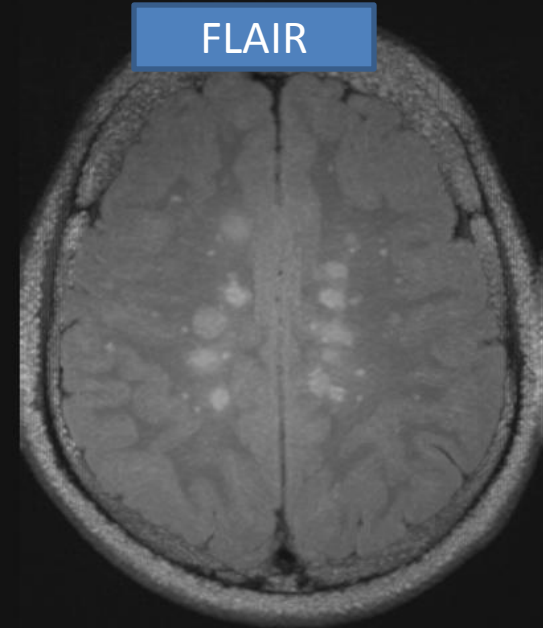
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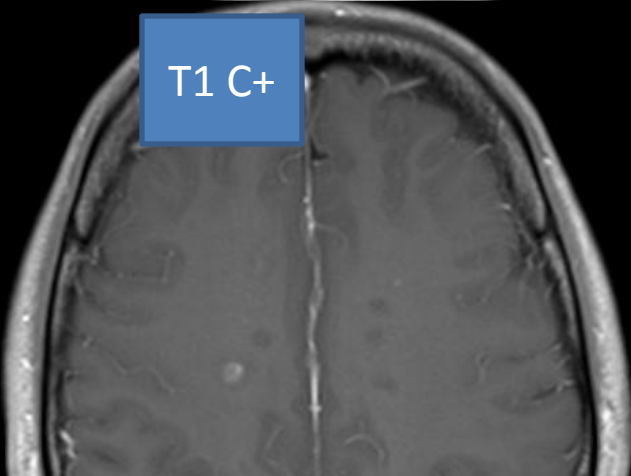
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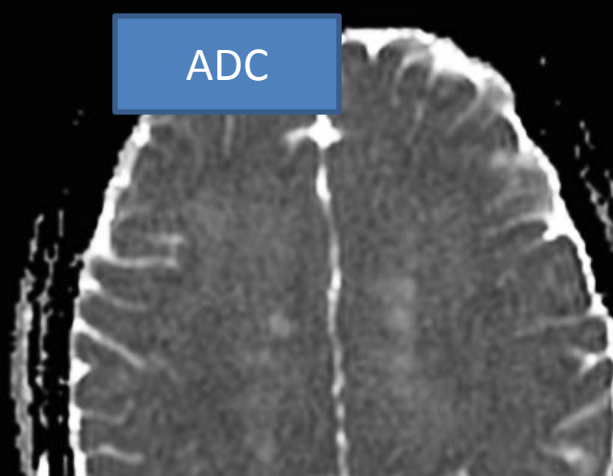
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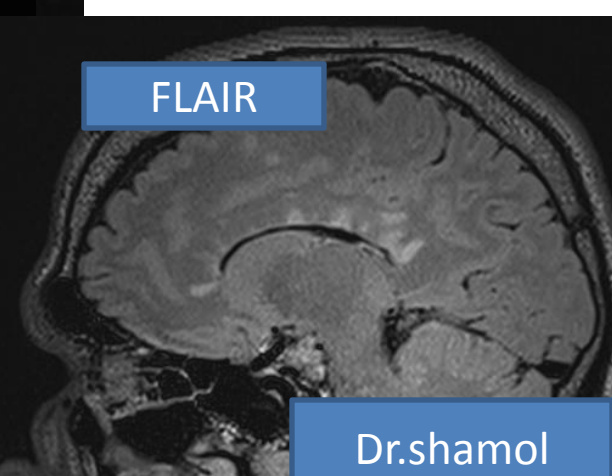
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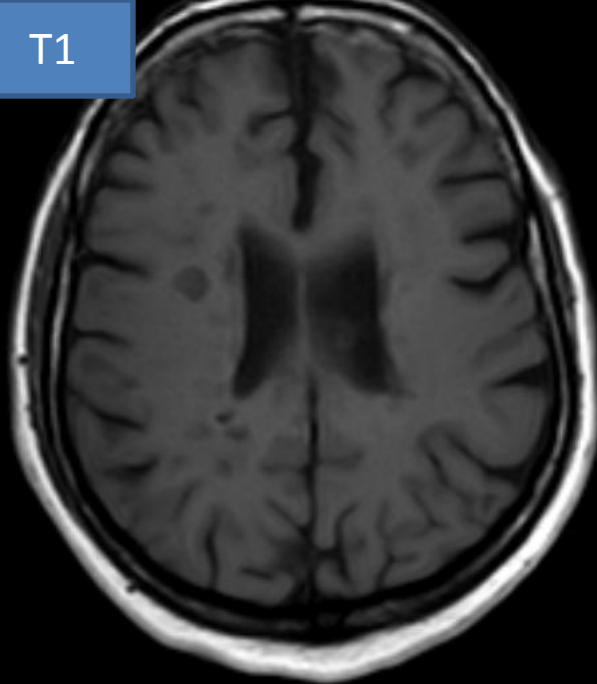


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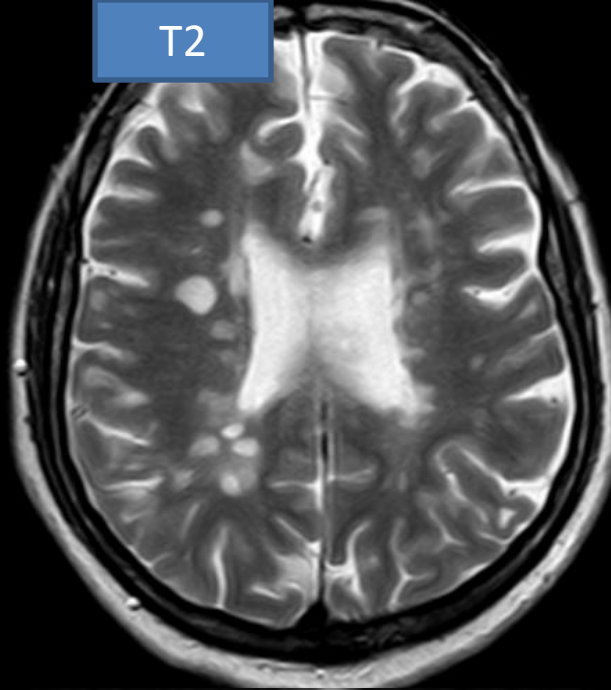
Multiple scattered supra and infratentorial white matter plaques, most of them are seen at the periventricular region perpendicular to the lateral ventricles giving the appearance of Dawson fingers, Most of the lesions show T2 shine through effect on DWI/ADC. Characteristically they display low signal on T1 WIs.

BLACK HOLE

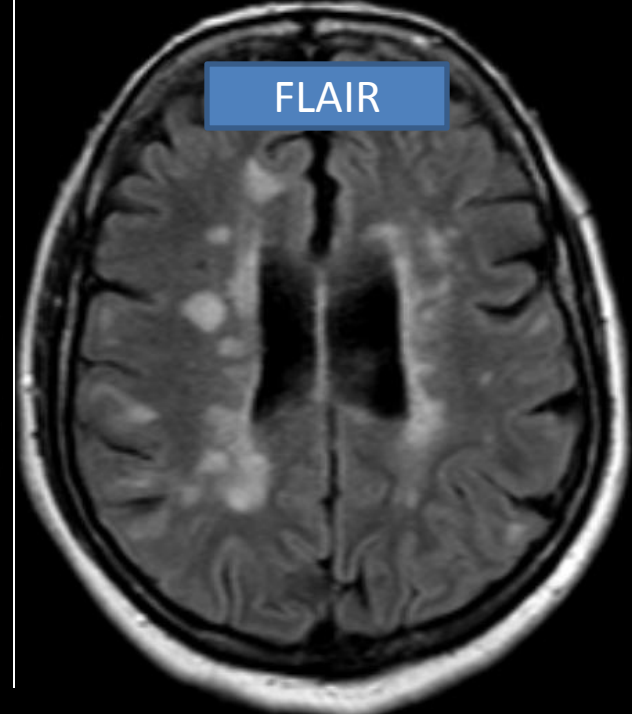
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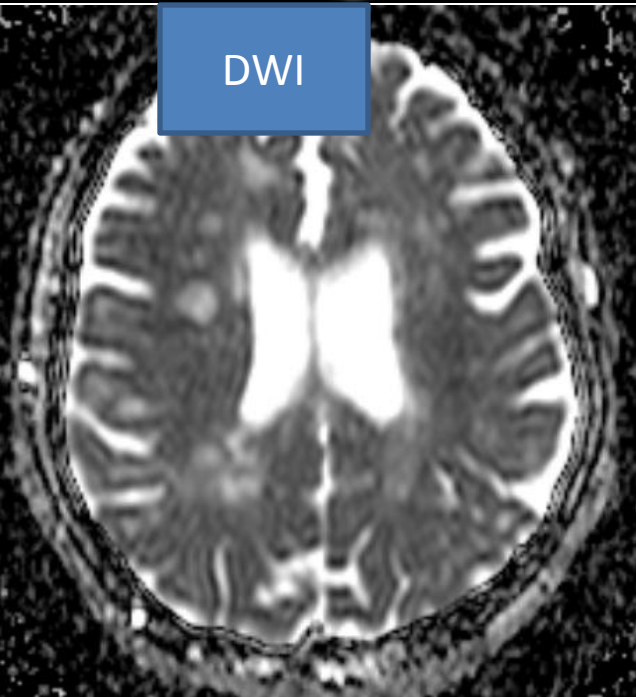
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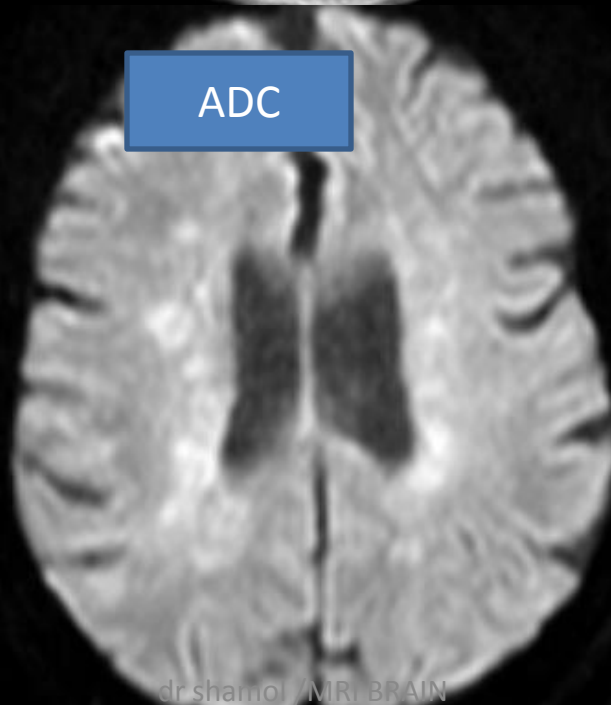
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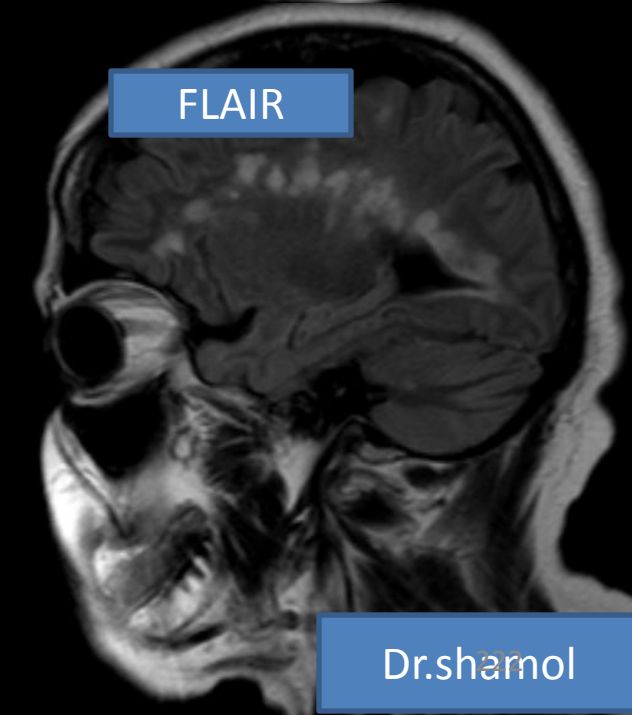
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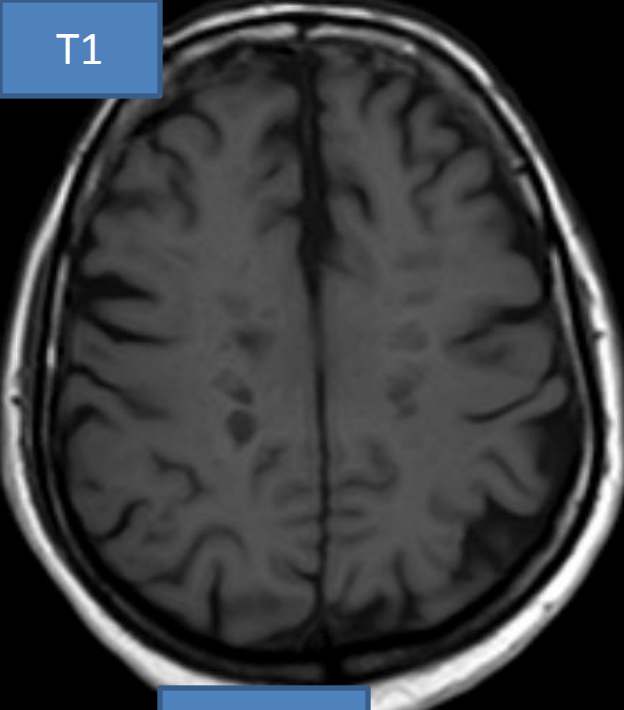
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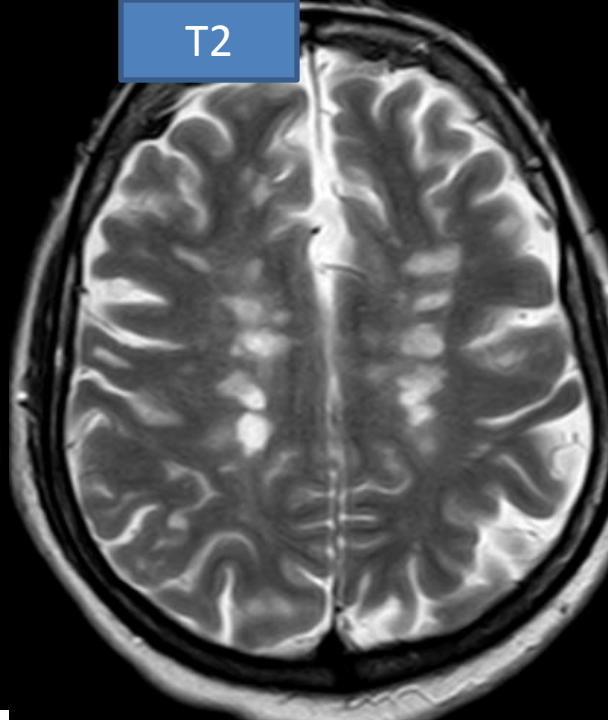
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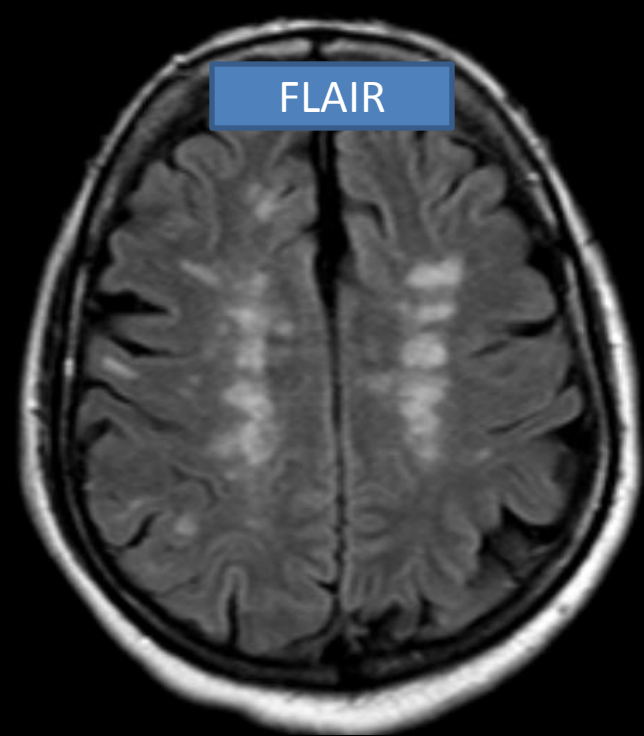
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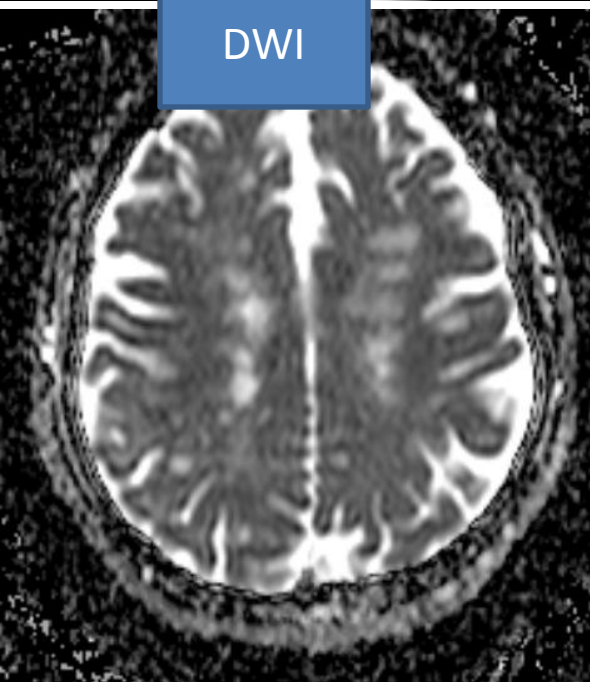
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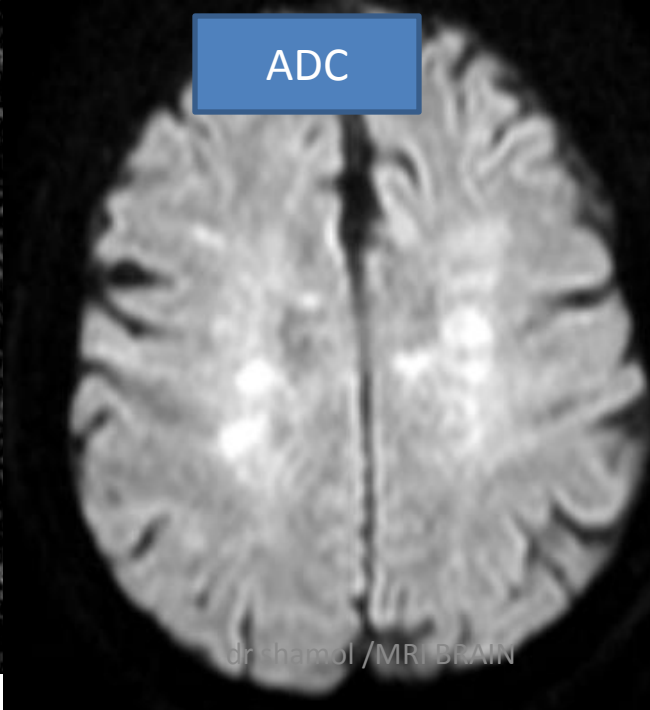
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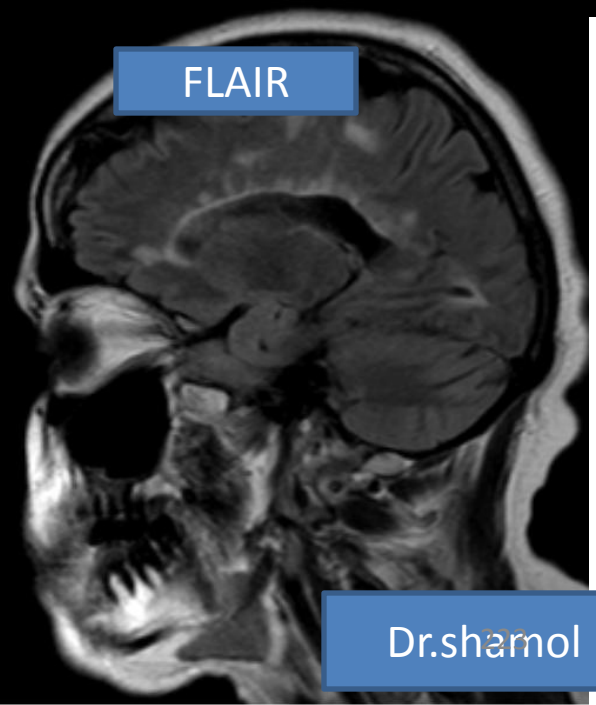
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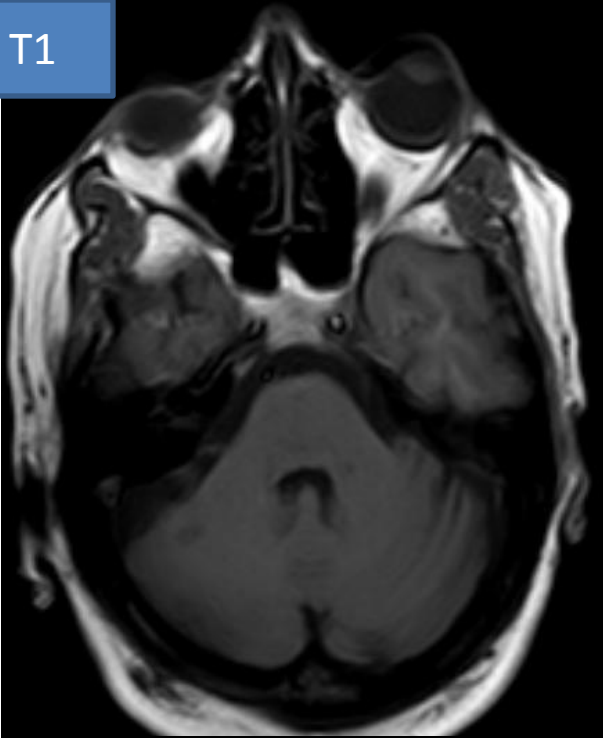
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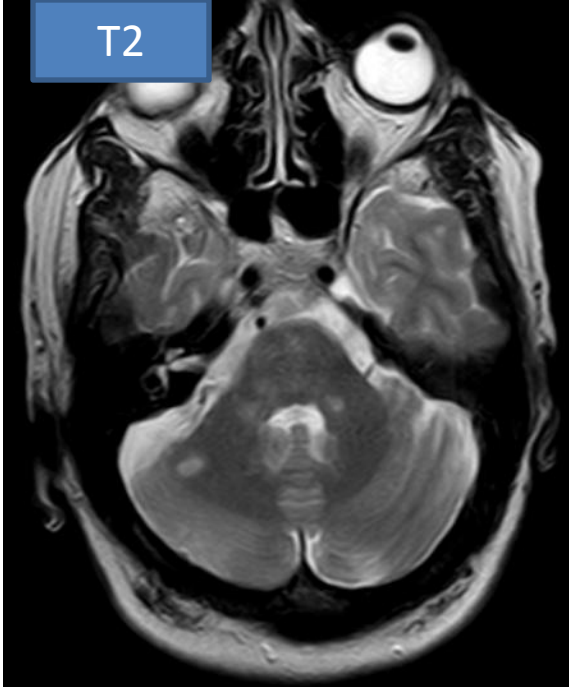
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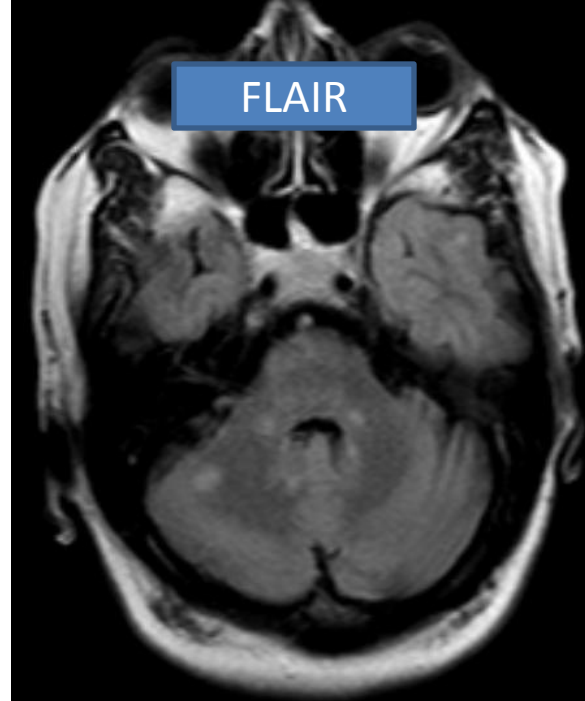
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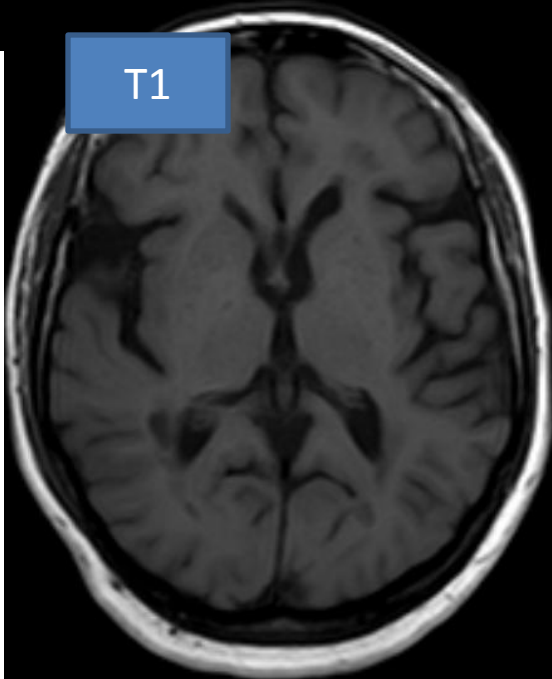
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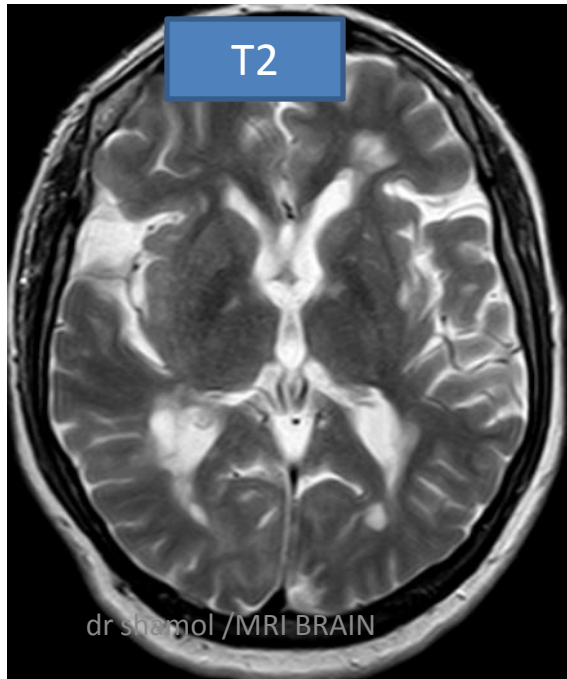
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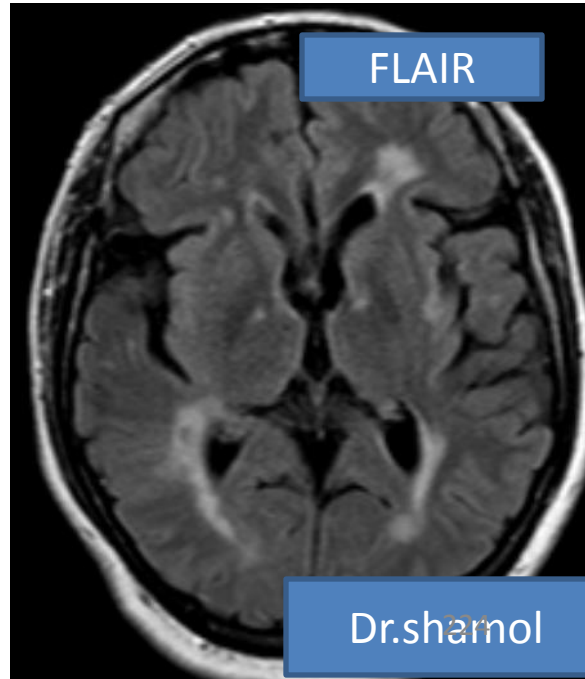
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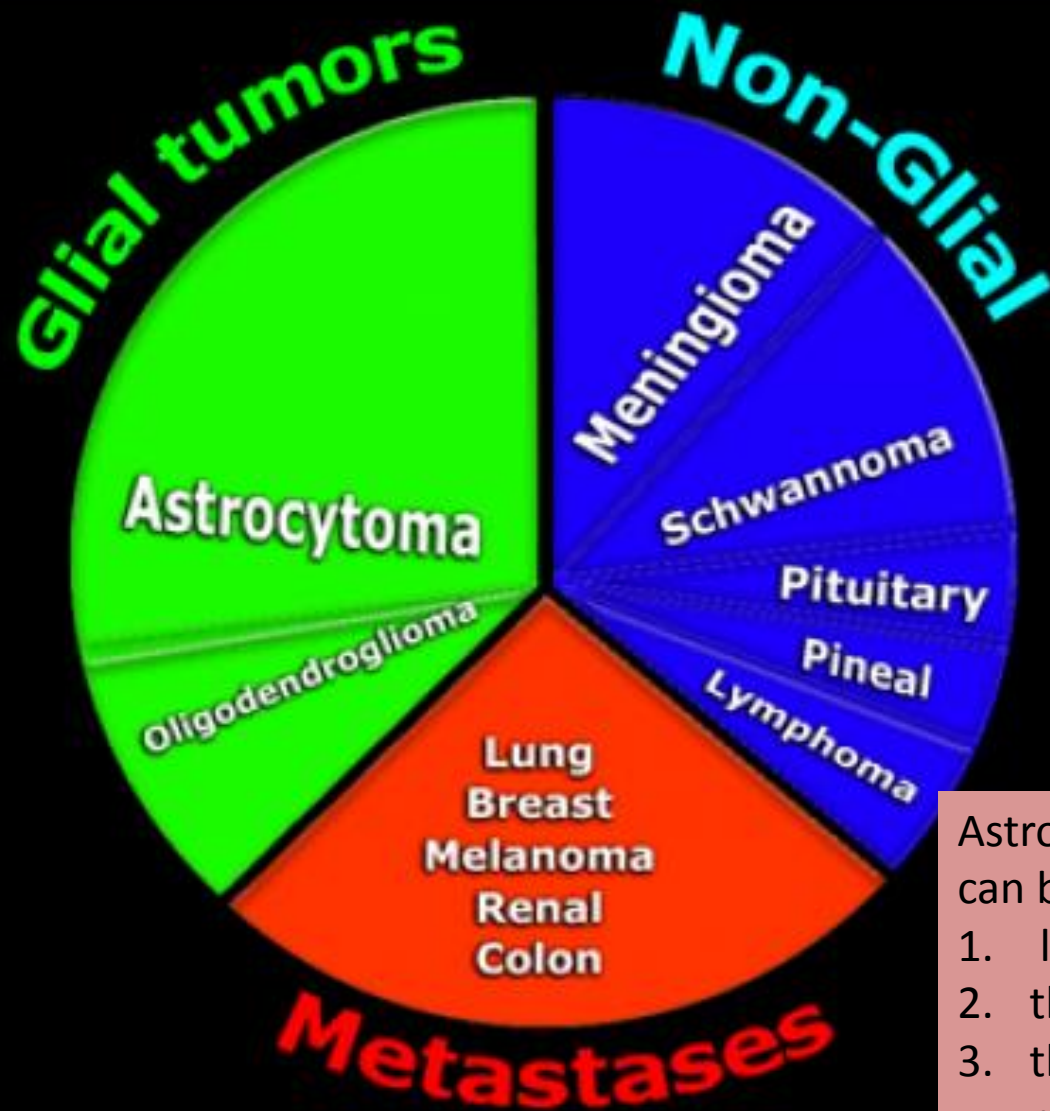


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CNS tumors

One-third are metastatic
One third are gliomas
One-third is of non-glial origin.

Glioma is a non-specific term indicating that the tumor originates from glial cells like

1. astrocytes,
2. oligodendrocytes,
3. ependymal and
4. choroid plexus cells.

Astrocytoma is the most common glioma and can be subdivided into the

1. low-grade pilocytic type,
2. the intermediate anaplastic type and
3. the high grade malignant glioblastoma multiforme (GBM). is the most common type (50% of all astrocytomas).

The non-glial cel tumors are a large heterogenous group of tumors

1. meningioma is the most common.
2. Schwannoma
3. Pituitary

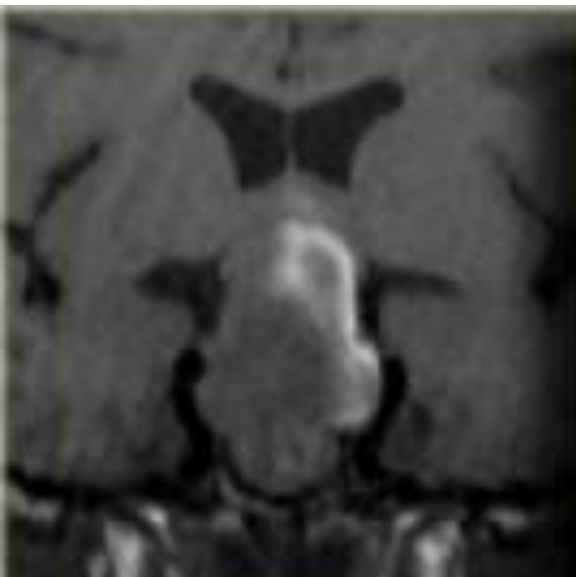
High Intensity on T1

- Methemoglobin → Pituitary apoplexy
→ Hemorrhagic tumor or metastases
→ Thrombosed aneurysm
- High protein → Cysts with proteinaceous fluid
neuroenteric cyst, dermoid cyst
- Fat → Lipoma
→ Dermoid cyst
- Cholesterol → Colloid cyst
- Melanin → Melanoma metastases
- Flow effects → Slow flow
- Paramagnetic cations (Cu, Mn, etc)

Most tumors have a low or intermediate signal intensity on T1WI. Except On the left
Calcifications are mostly dark on T1WI, but depending on the matrix of the calcifications they can sometimes be bright on T1.

Especially on gradient echo images slow flow can be seen as bright signal on T1WI and should not be confused with enhancement. This is particularly pronounced on gradient echo images.

If you only do an enhanced scan, remember that high signal is not always enhancement.



hemorrhage in a pituitary macroadenoma.



hemorrhage in
glioblastoma multiforme,



metastasis of a melanoma.

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Low Intensity in Tumors on T2

Hypercellularity	→ Lymphoma, Meningioma, PNET Germinoma, GBM, Oligodendroglioma Mucinous-adeno metastases (GI, Lung, Breast, GU)
Calcification	→ see calcification
Blood	→ Old hemorrhage in tumor or vascular malformation
Protein	→ Colloid cyst
Melanin	→ Melanoma metastases
Flow-void	→ Hemangioblastoma, Vascular malformation

Most tumors will be bright on T2WI due to a high water content.

When tumors have a low water content they are very dense and hypercellular and the cells have a high nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio.

These tumors will be dark on T2WI.

The classic examples are CNS lymphoma and PNET (also hyperdense on CT).

Calcifications are mostly dark on T2WI.

The differential diagnosis of calcified tumors was discussed above.

Paramagnetic effects cause a signal drop and are seen in tumors that contain hemosiderin.

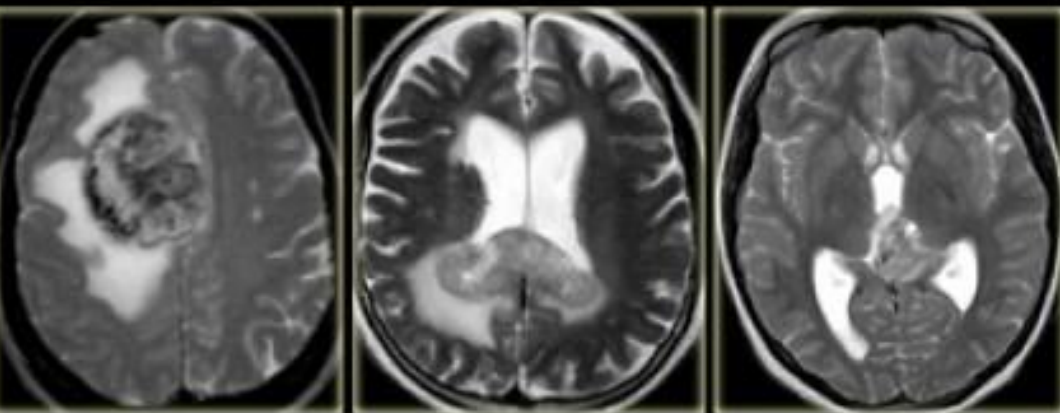
Proteinaceous material can be dark on T2 depending on the content of the protein itself.

A classic example of this is the colloid cyst.

Flow voids are also dark on T2 and indicate the presence of vessels or flow within a lesion.

This is seen in tumors that contain a lot of vessels like hemangioblastomas, but also in non-tumorous lesions like vascular malformations.

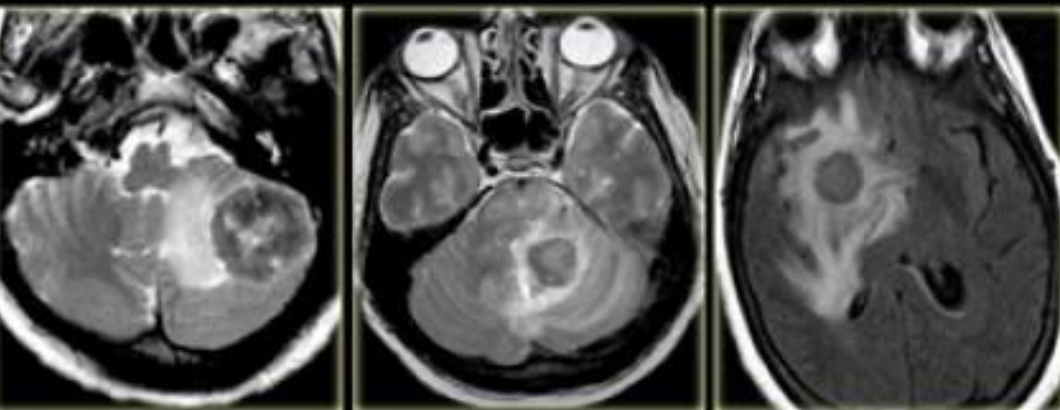
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Melanoma meta

GBM

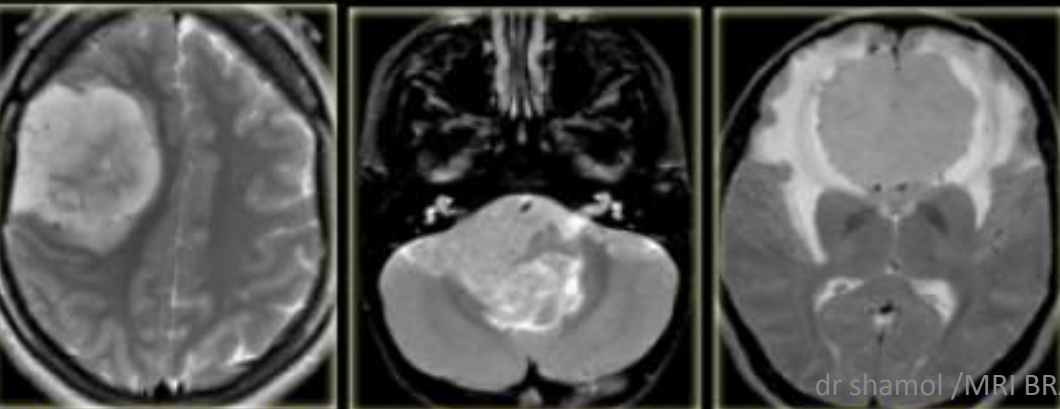
PNET



Mucinous Ca

Lymphoma

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Oligodendroglioma

Ependymoma

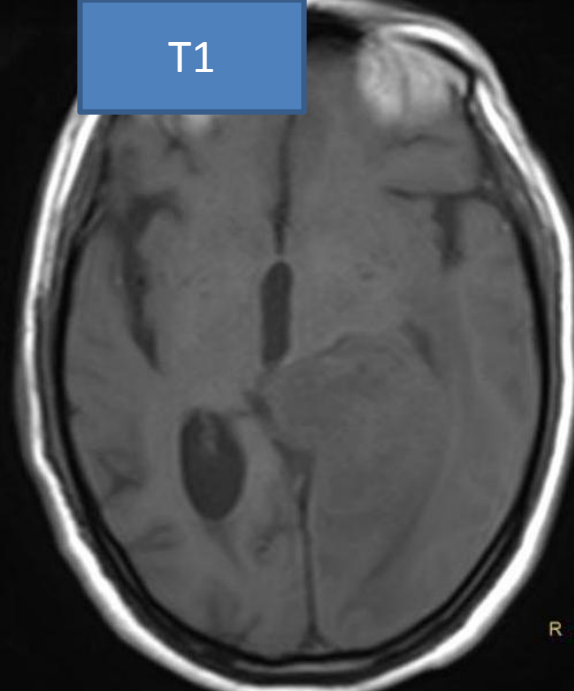
Meningioma

- On the left some examples of tumors with a low signal intensity on T2WI.
- Melanoma metastases have a low SI on T2WI as a result of the melanin.
- GBM can have a low SI on T2WI because sometimes they have a high nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio. Most GBM's, however, are hyperintense on T2WI.
- PNET typically has a high nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio. PNET is mostly located in the region of the 4th ventricle, but another, less common, location is in the region of the pineal gland.
- Mucinous metastases can have a low SI on T2WI because they often contain calcifications..
- Meningiomas are mostly of intermediate signal. They can have a high SI on T2WI if they contain a lot of water. They can have a low SI on T2WI if they are very dense and hypercellular or when they contain calcifications.

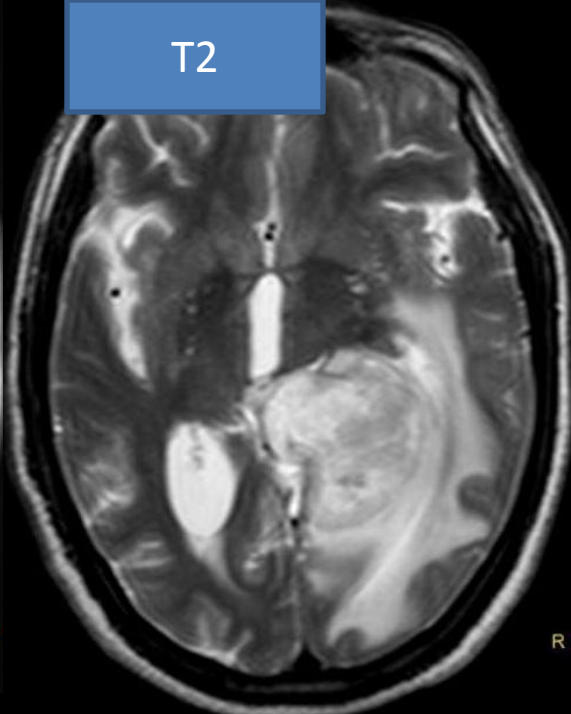
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Glioblastoma

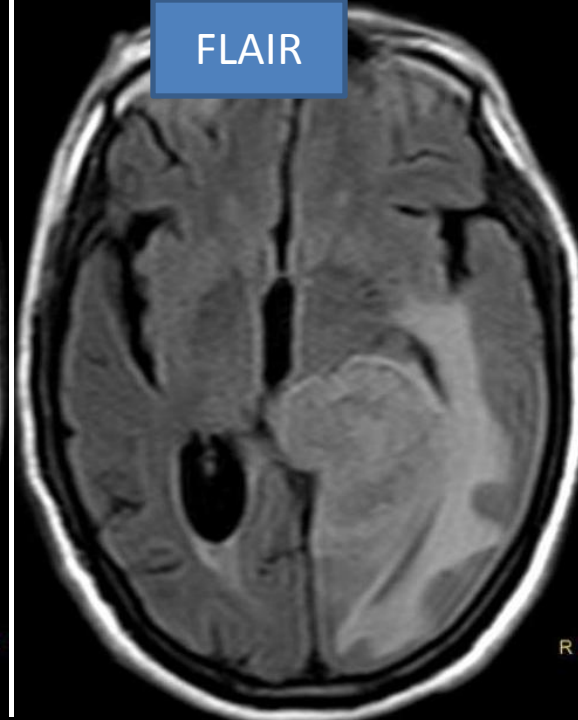
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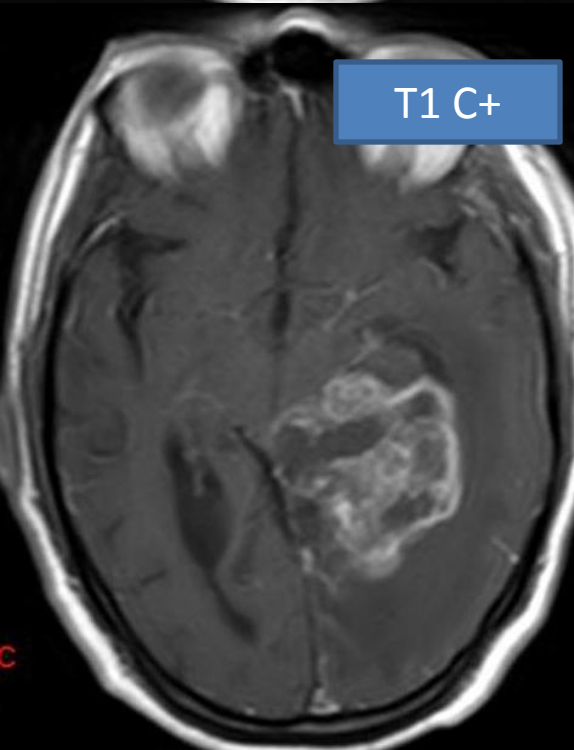
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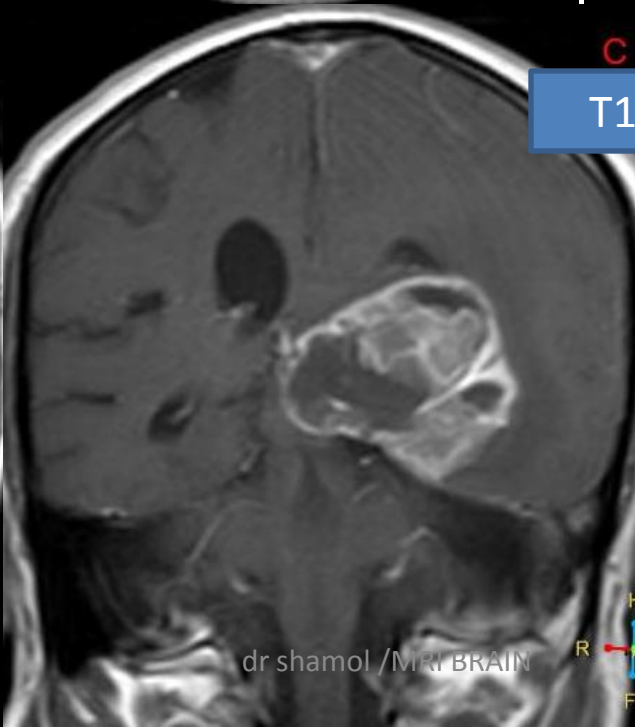
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T1 C+



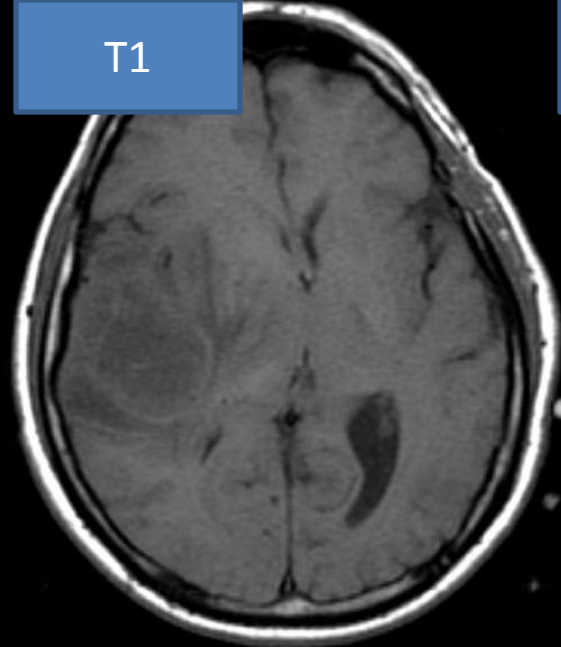
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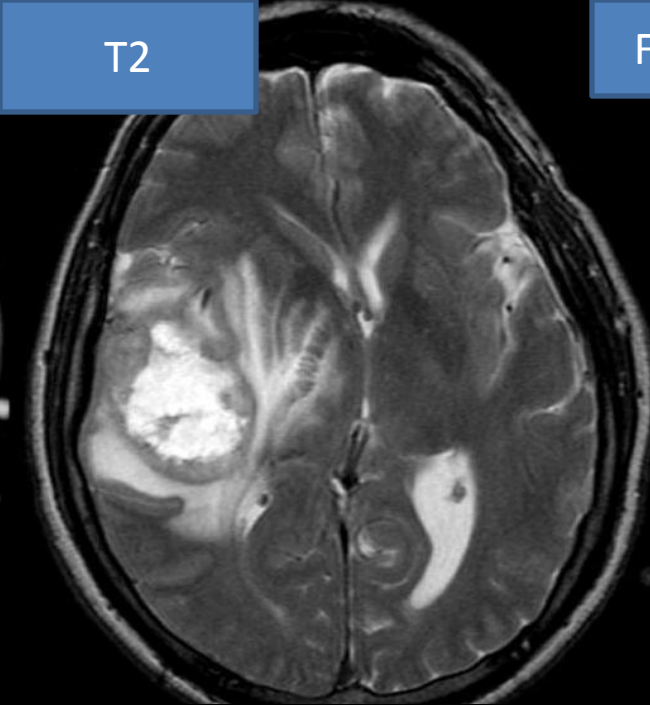
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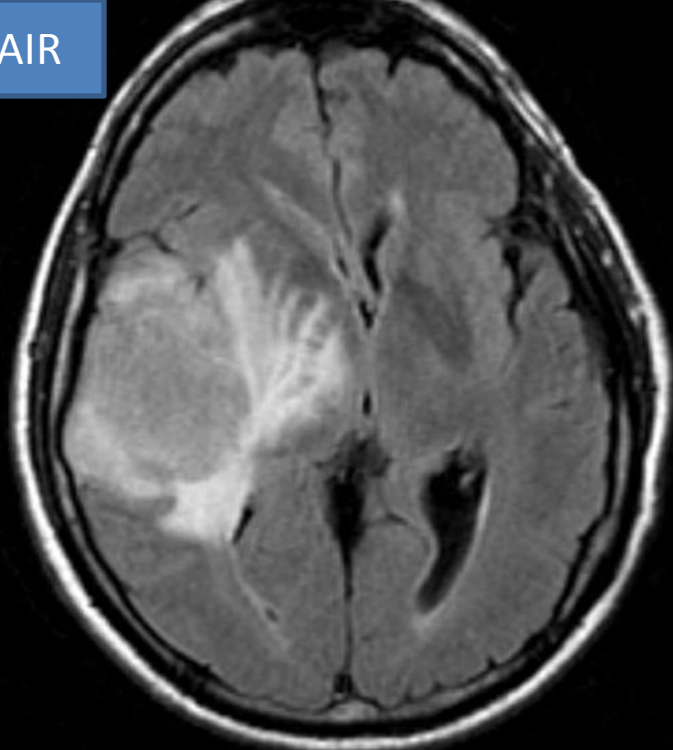
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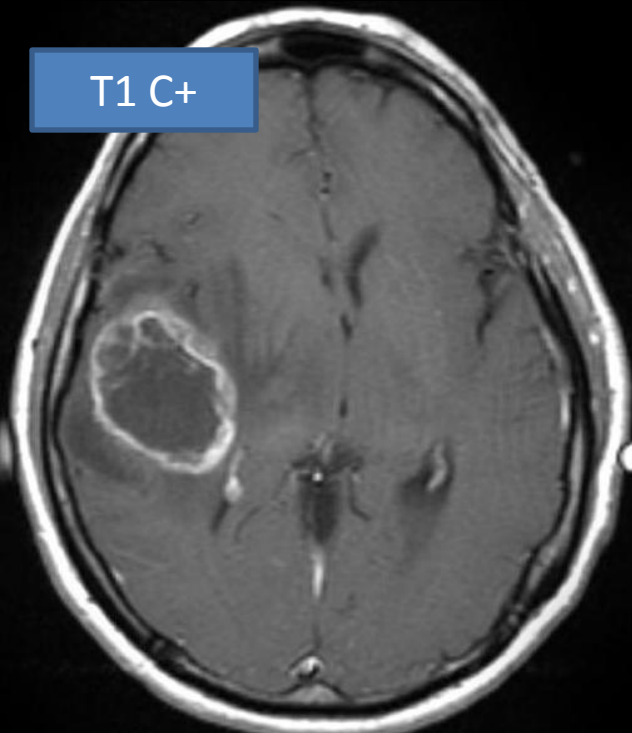
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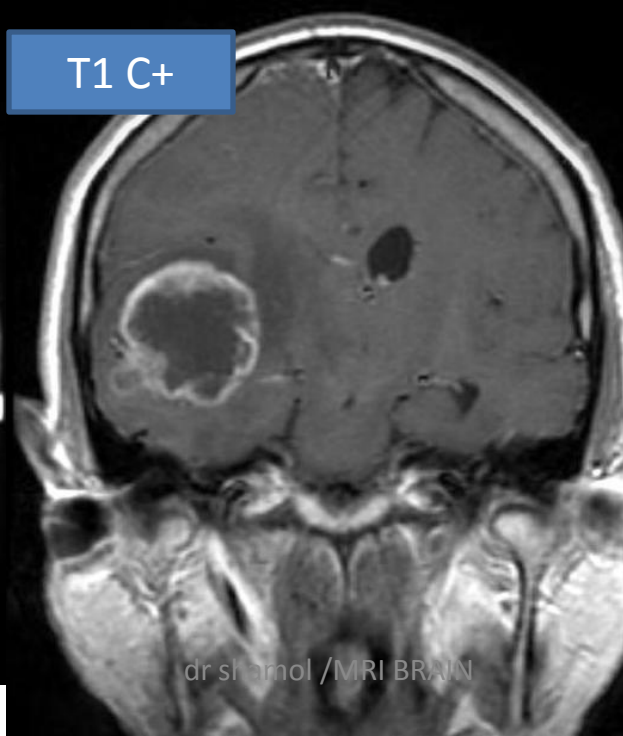
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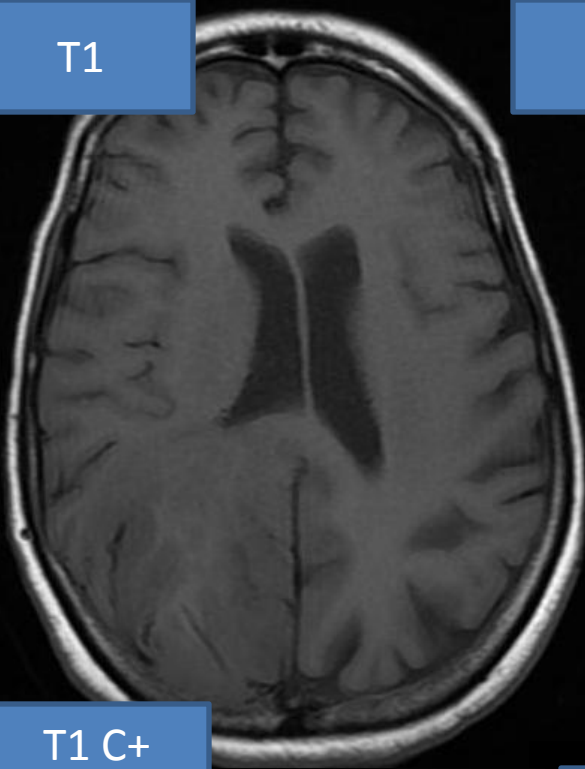
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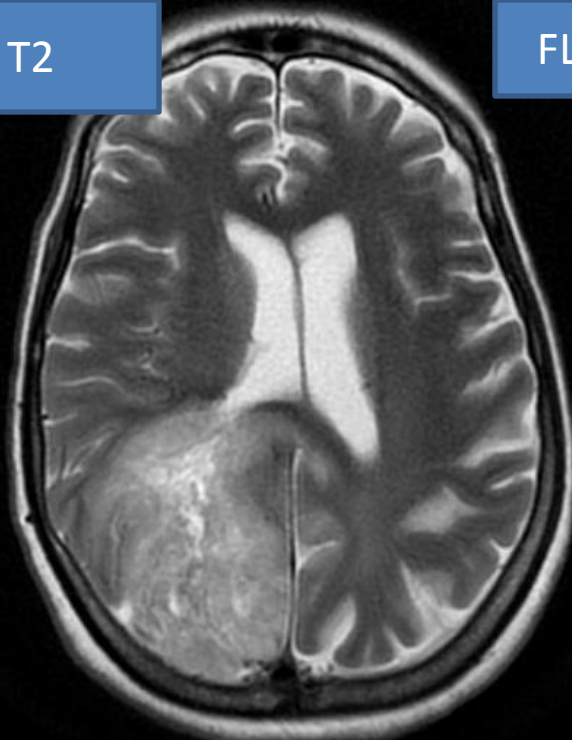
It exerts significant mass effect and is surrounded by vasogenic oedema. The mass itself is heterogeneously low on T1, and demonstrates a very high T2 signal region centrally, suggestive of a necrotic centre.

Following administration of contrast, the margins enhance irregularly.

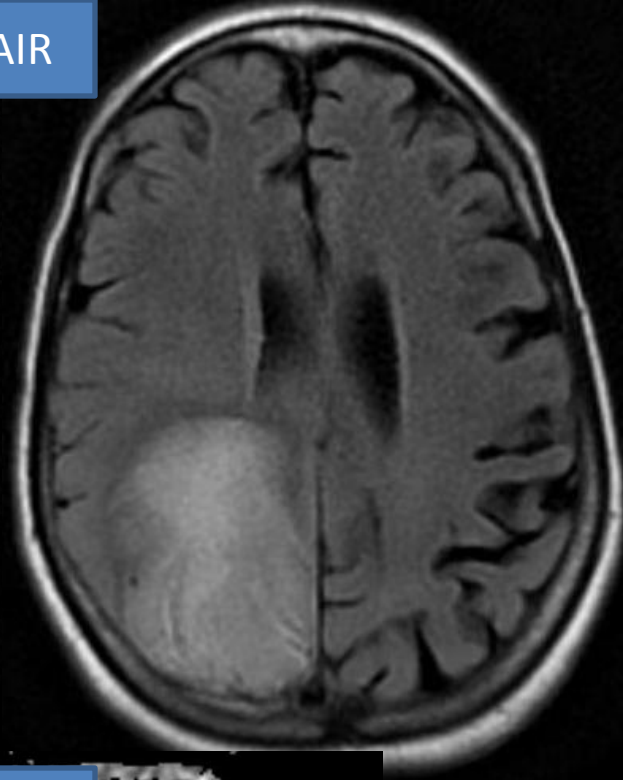
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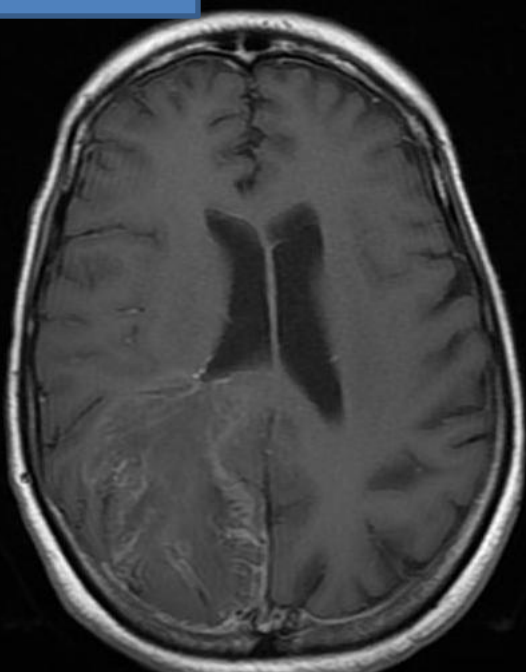
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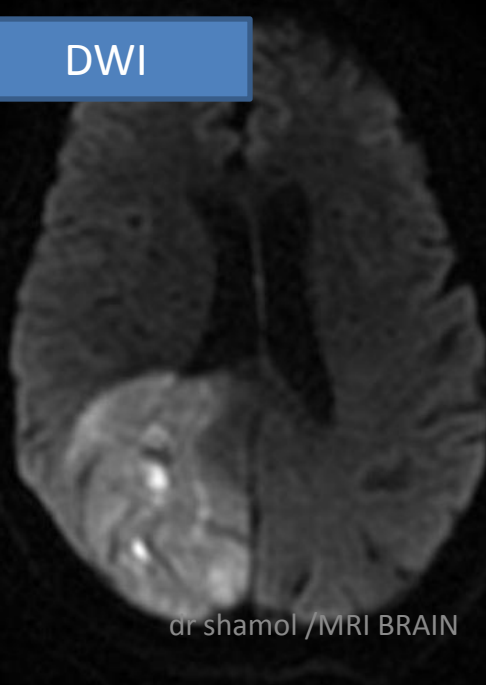
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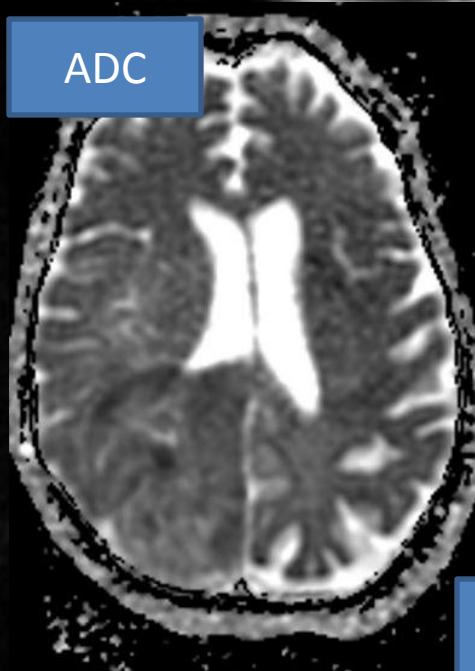
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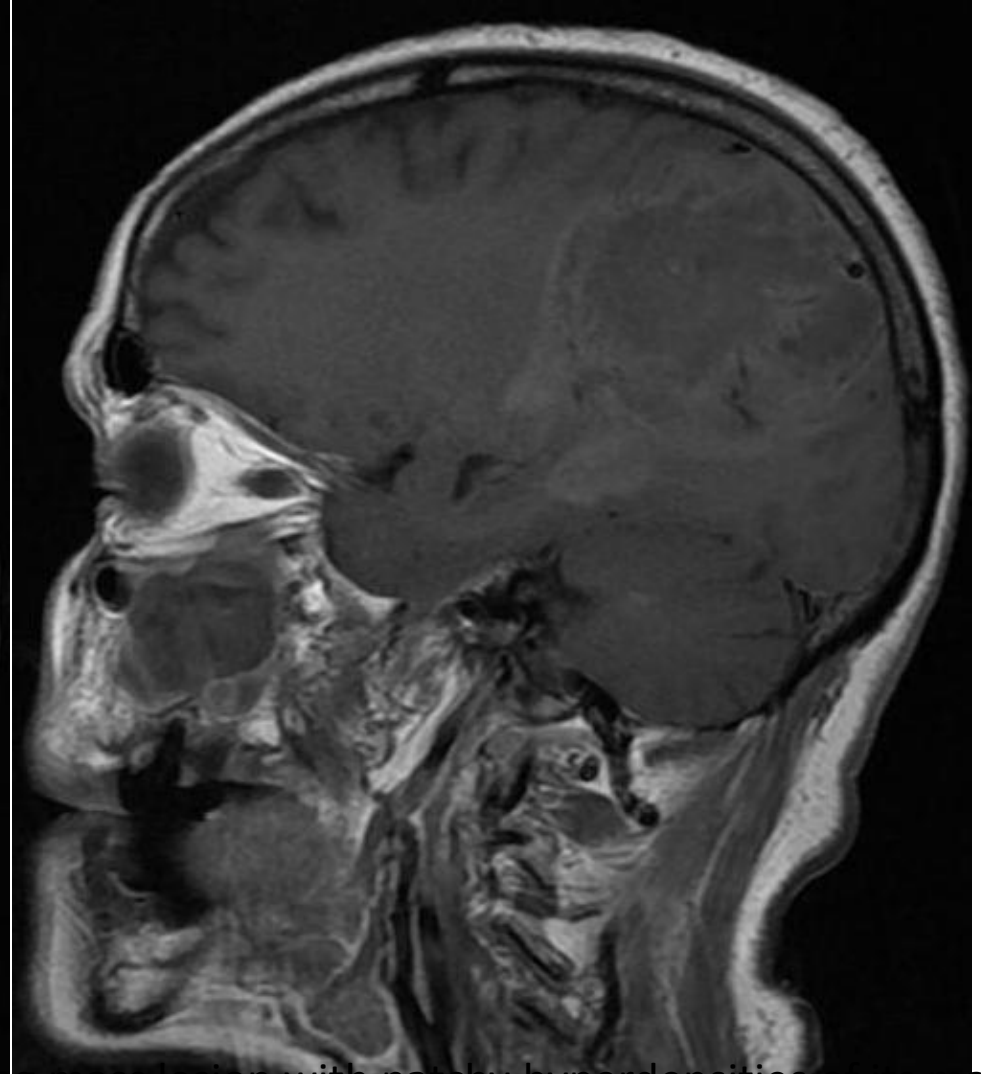
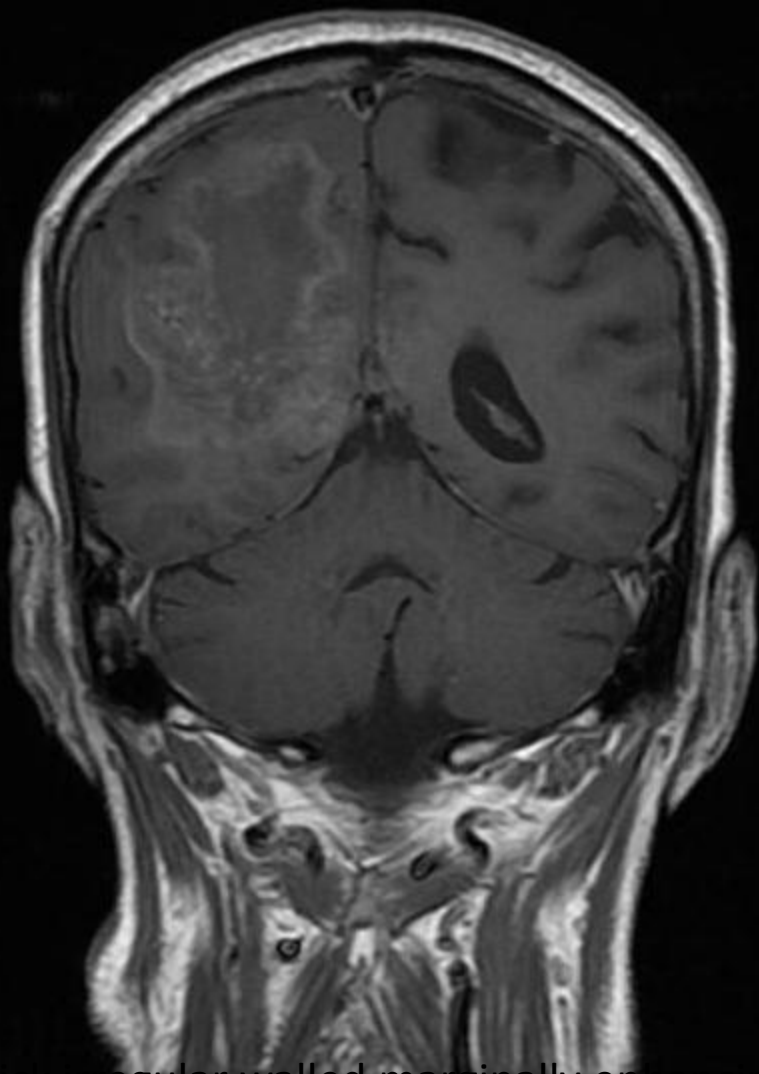


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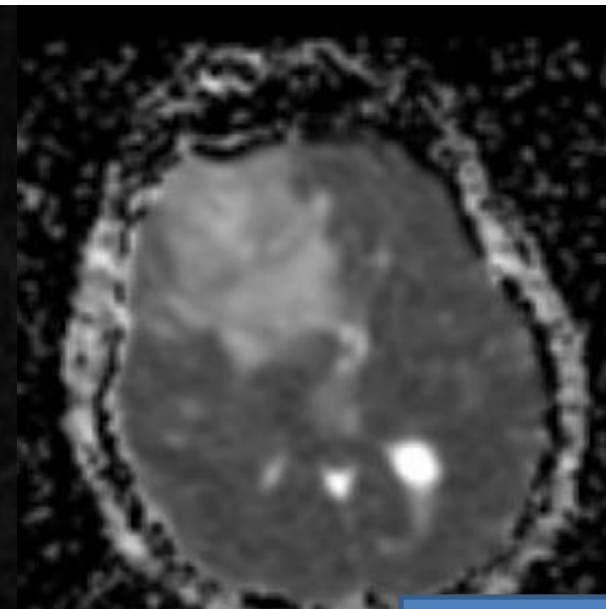
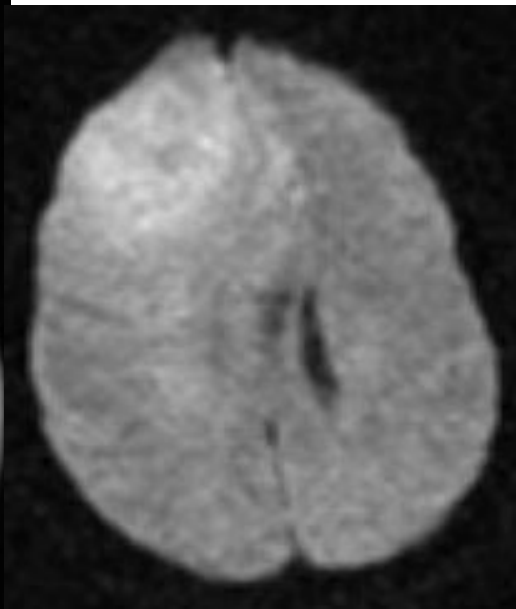
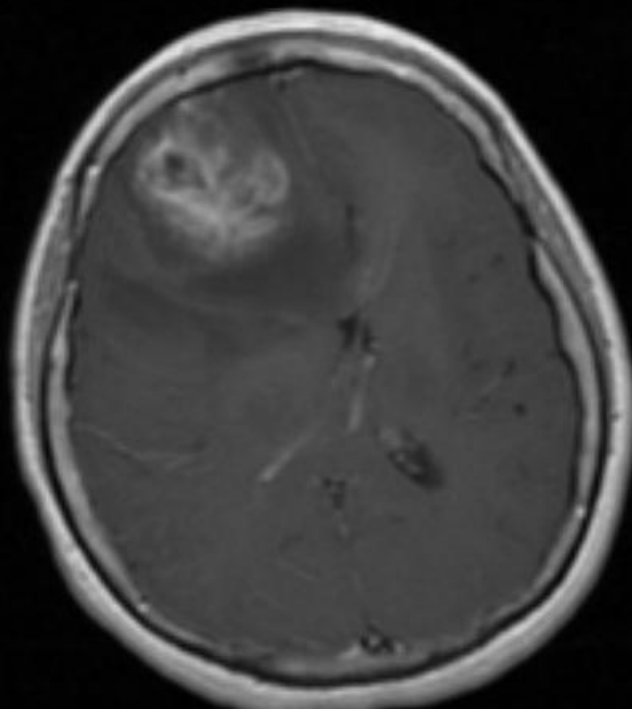
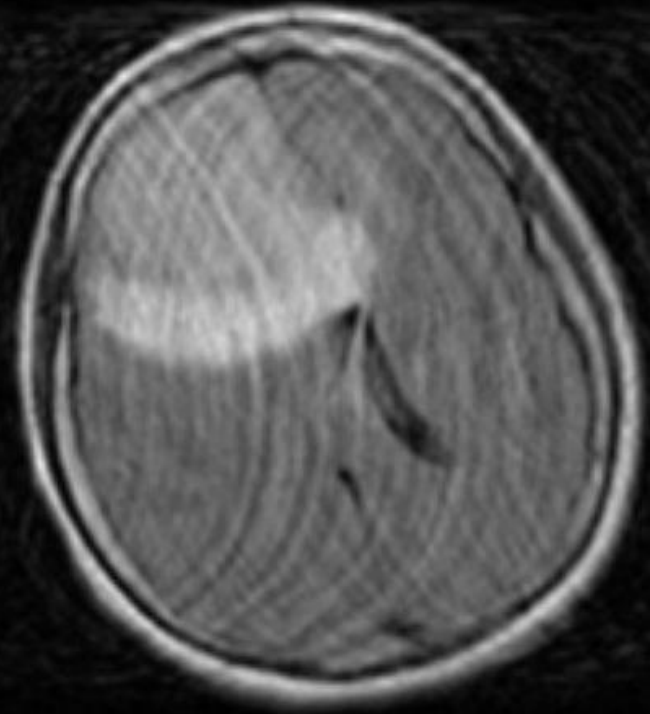
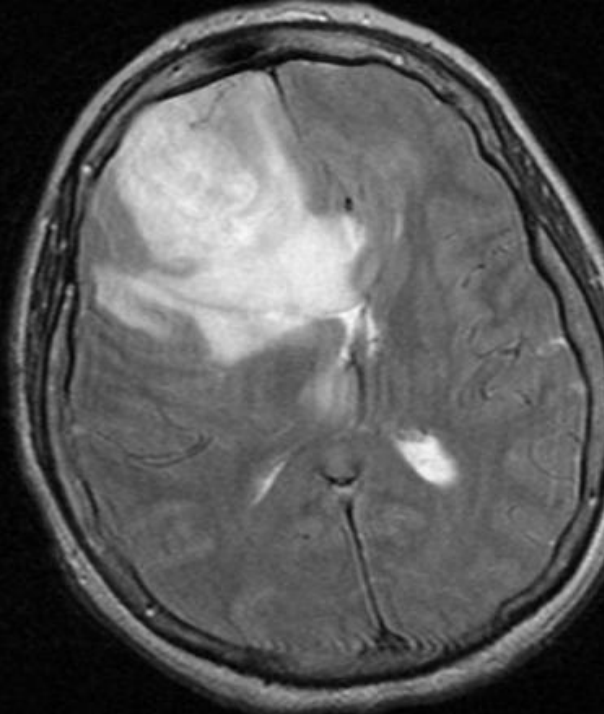
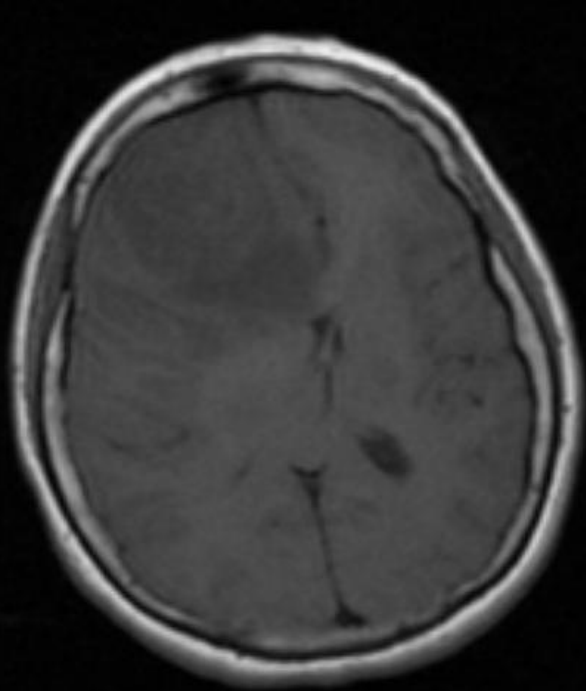


ADC





thick irregular walled marginally enhancing mass lesion with patchy hyperdensities of its margin and central necrosis is seen. The mass demonstrates predominantly hypointense T1 signal with patchy hyperintensities (met Hb signal) and hyperintense T2/Flair signal with restricted diffusion predominantly of its thick irregular margin. The mass lesion is seen surrounded by vasogenic brain oedema with compression of the right lateral ventricle's body and occipital horn as well as slight contralateral midline shift.



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LOW grade glioma ASTROCYTOMA

T1

isointense to hypointense compared to white matter

T2/FLAIR

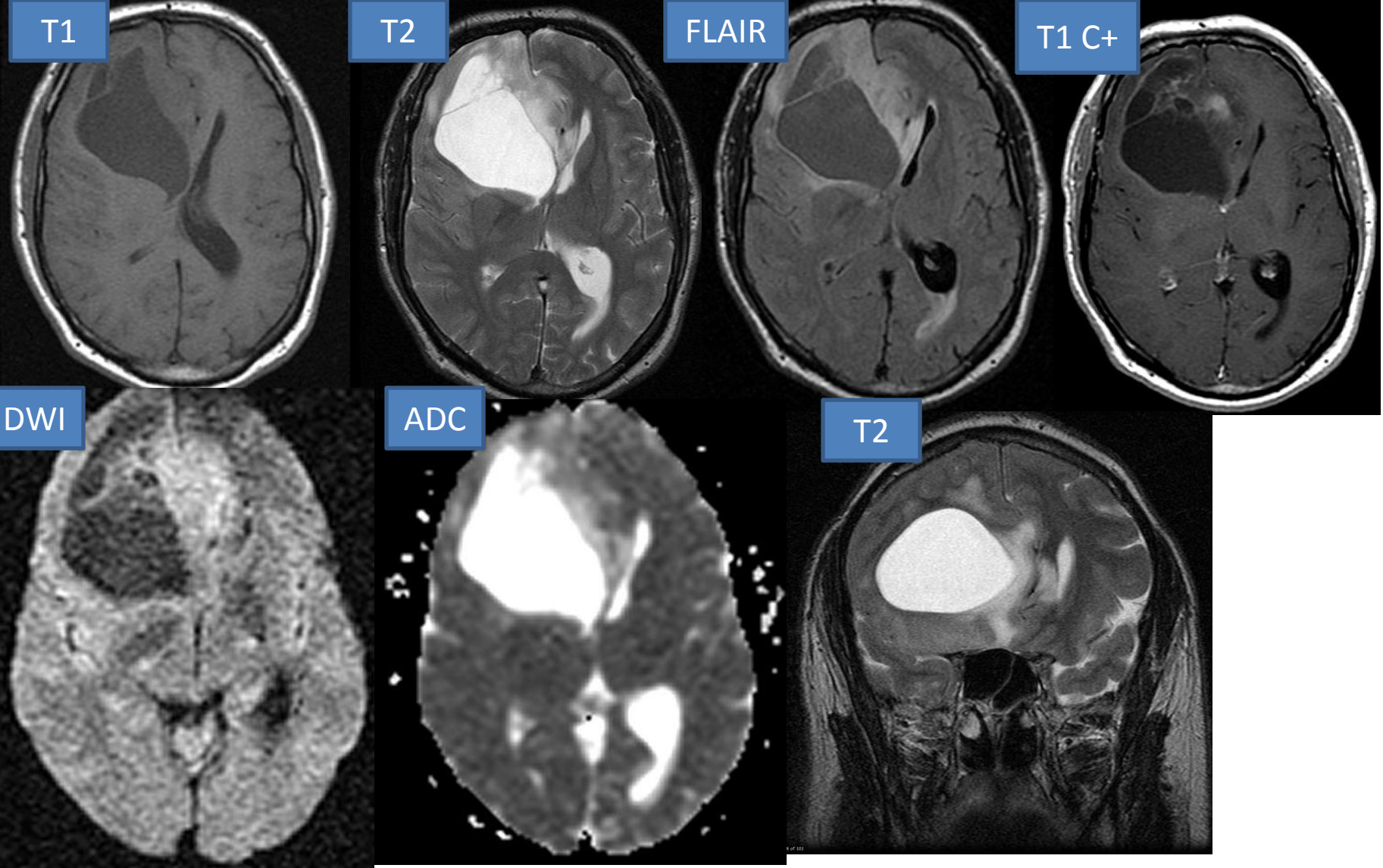
hyperintense signal

DWI/ADC

typically has facilitated diffusion

T1 C+ (Gd)

no enhancement is often the rule but small ill-defined areas of enhancement are not rare; however, when enhancement is seen it should be considered as a warning sign for progression to a higher grade

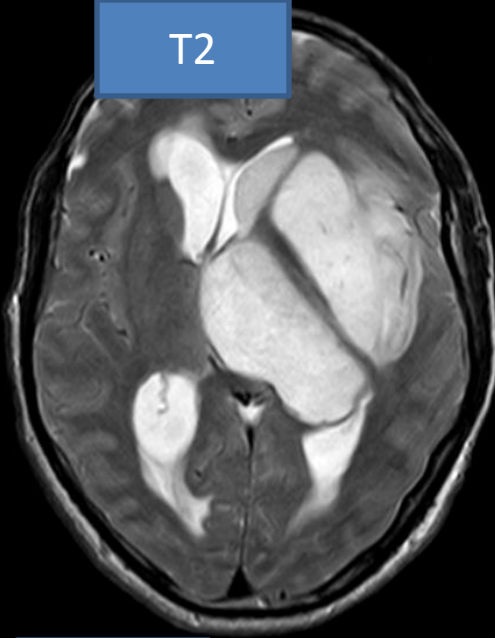


- ❖ low / hypo intens in T1,
- ❖ high intens in T2/FLAIR
- ❖ post contrast no enhancement
- ❖ DWI reveals (black) No diffusion restriction

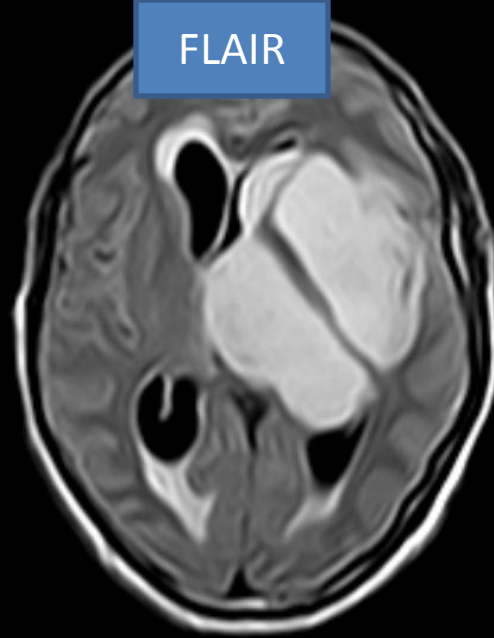
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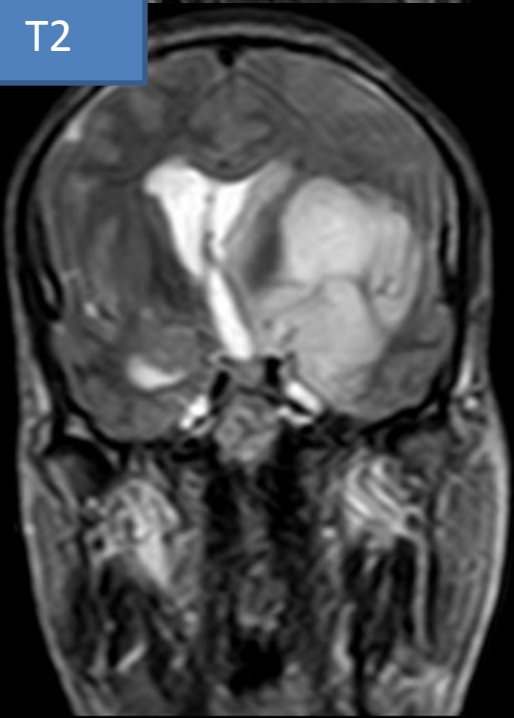
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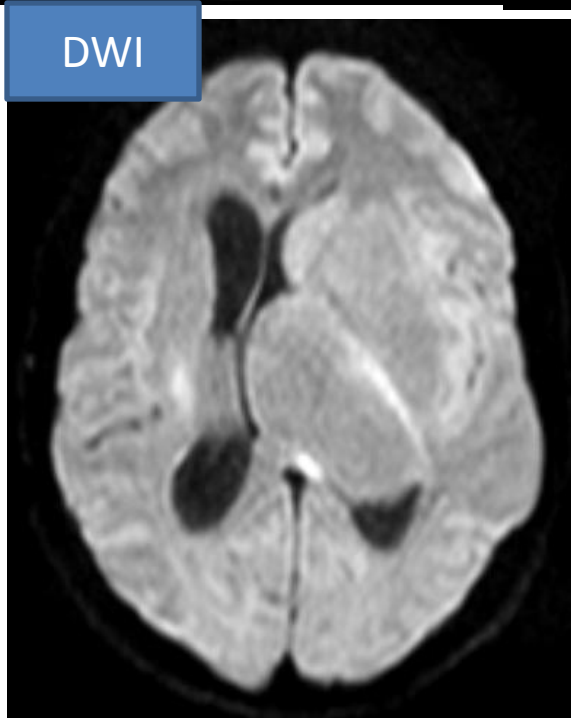
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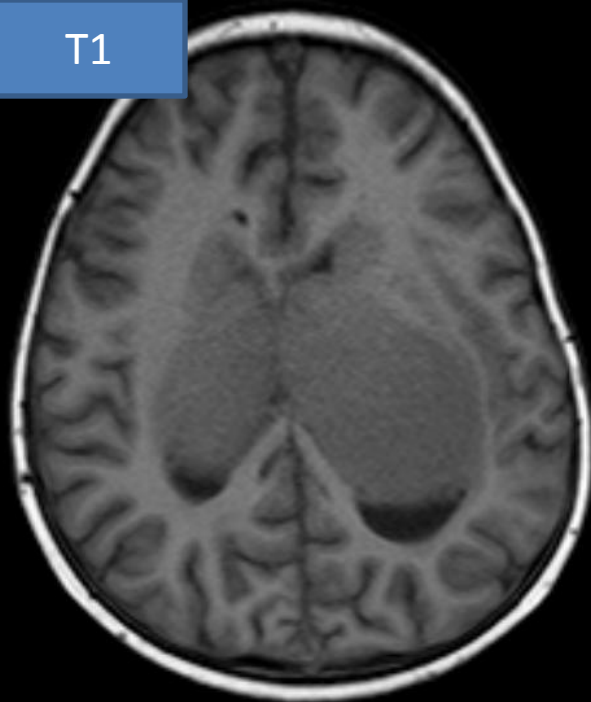
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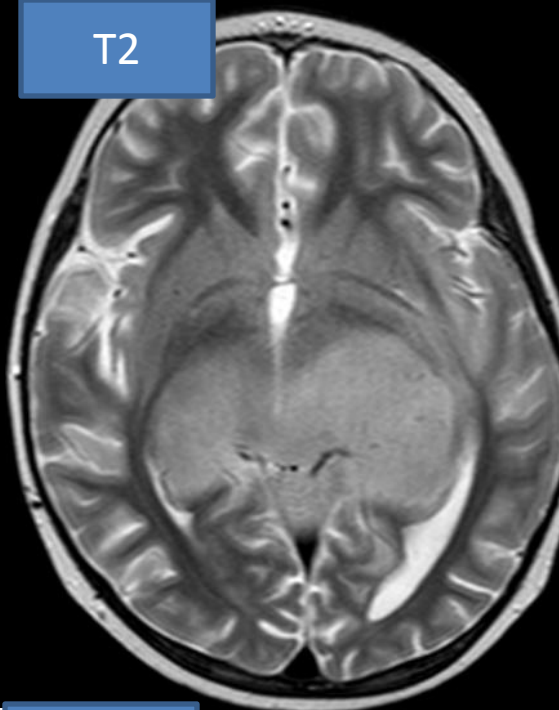
Diffuse involvement of the left insular cortex, medial part of left temporal lobe, left lentiform and caudate nuclei as well as left thalamus

- ❖ low / hypo intens in T1,
- ❖ high intens in T2/FLAIR
- ❖ post contrast no enhancement

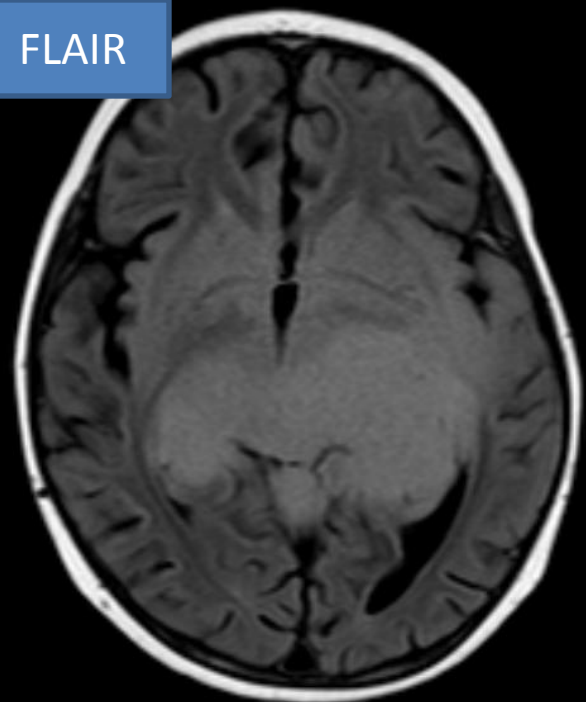
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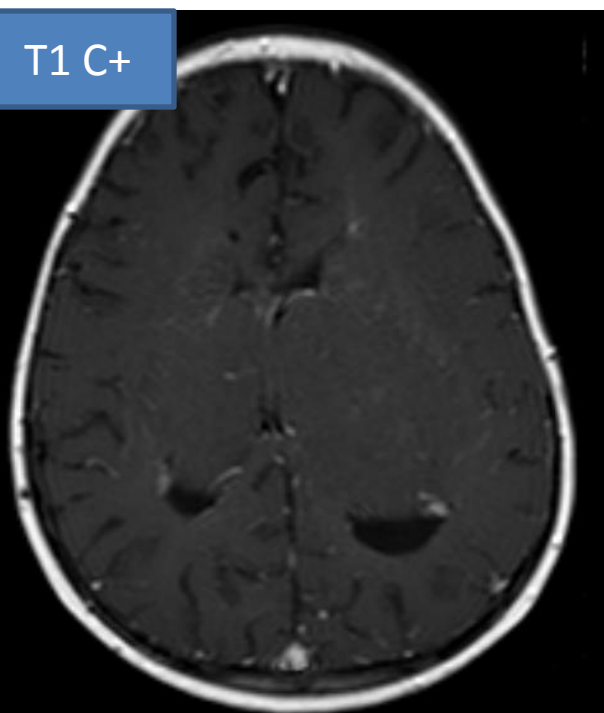
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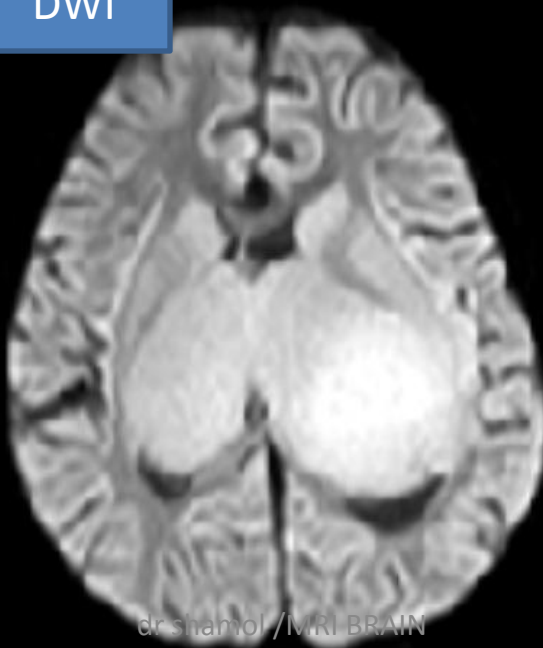
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T1 C+



DWI



on T1 –iso-intens
 on T2 and FLAIR--bright
 signal /hyper intens
 on T1 C+ – no enhancement
 on post contrast study.
 DWI reveals an area of faint
 diffusion restriction on the
 most superior part of left
 side thalamic lesion

Meningioma

T1

usually isointense to grey matter (60-90%)

hypointense to grey matter (10-40%): particularly [fibrous](#), [psammomatous](#) variants

T1 C+ (Gd):

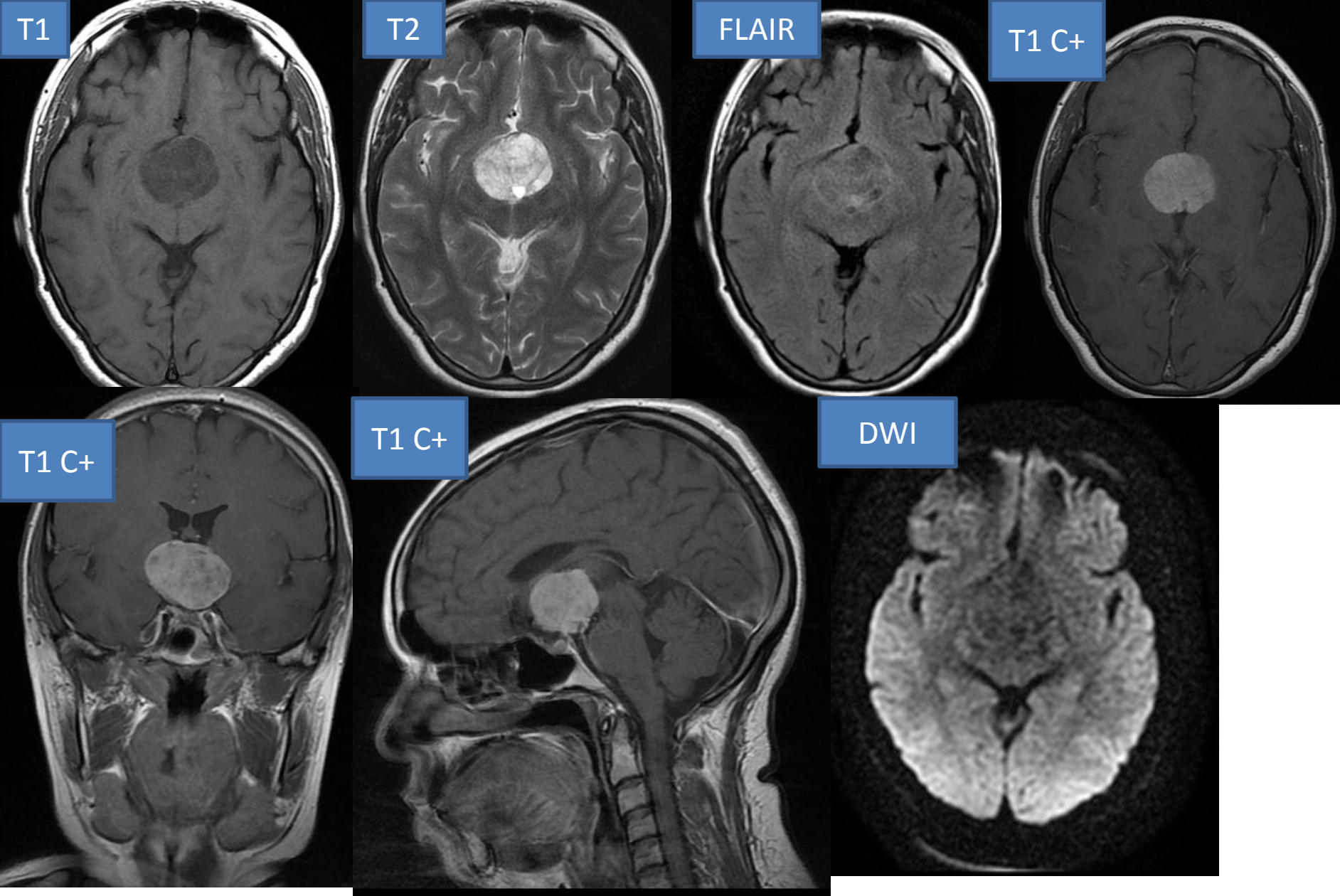
usually intense and homogeneous enhancement

T2

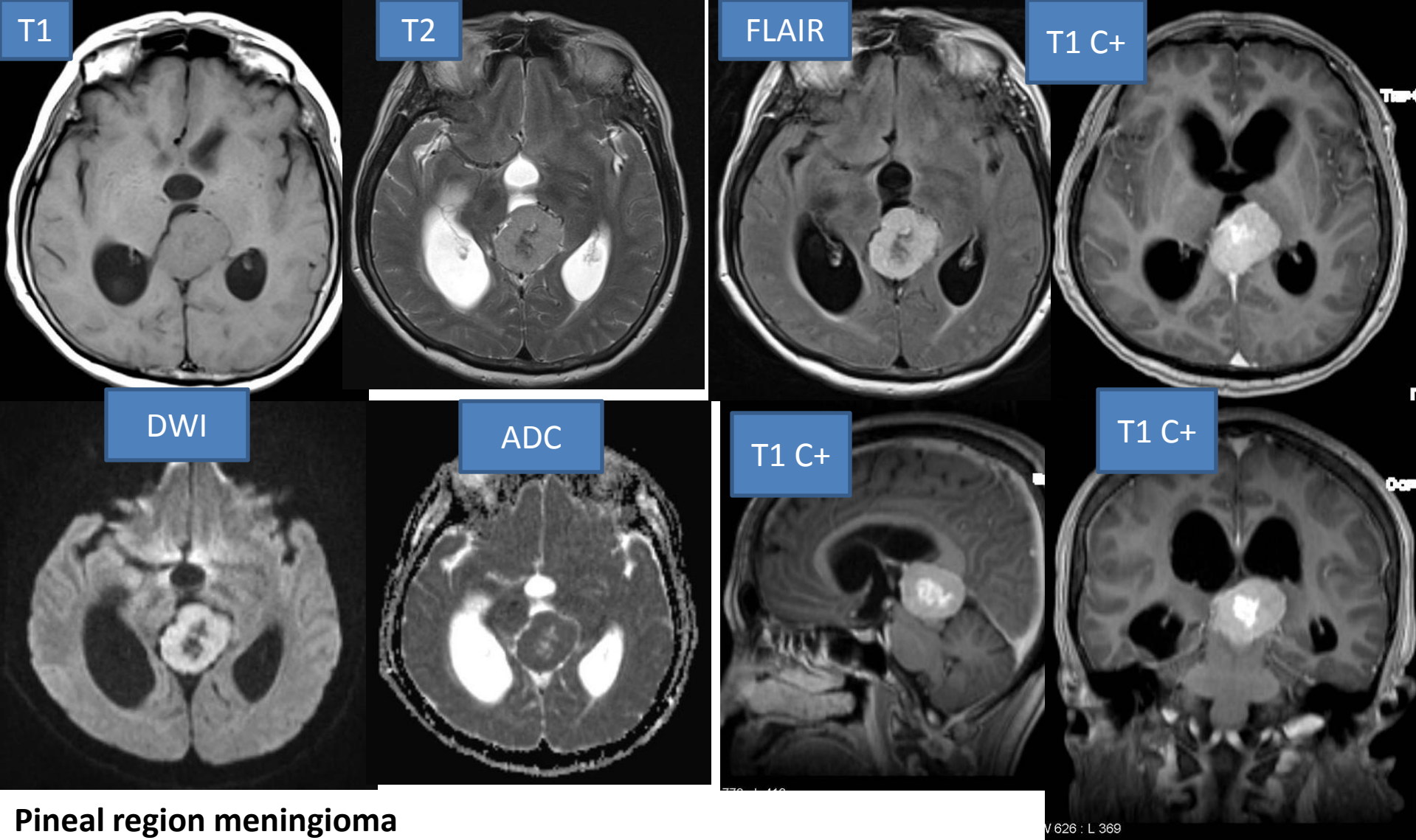
usually isointense to grey matter (~50%)

hyperintense to grey matter (35-40%)

hypointense to grey matter (10-15%):



Suprasellar meningioma



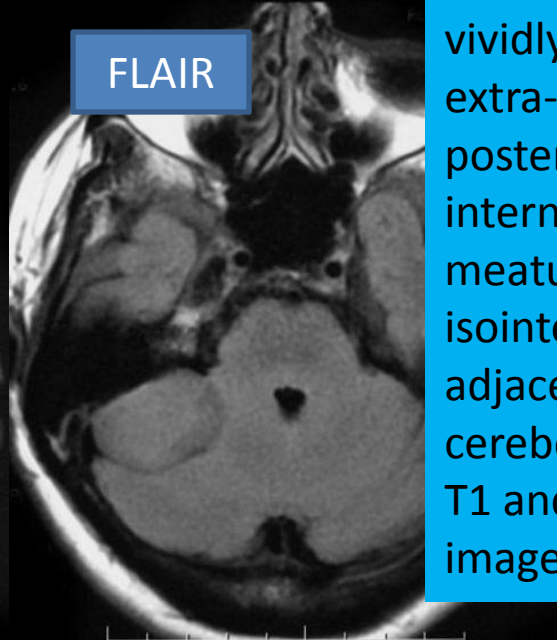
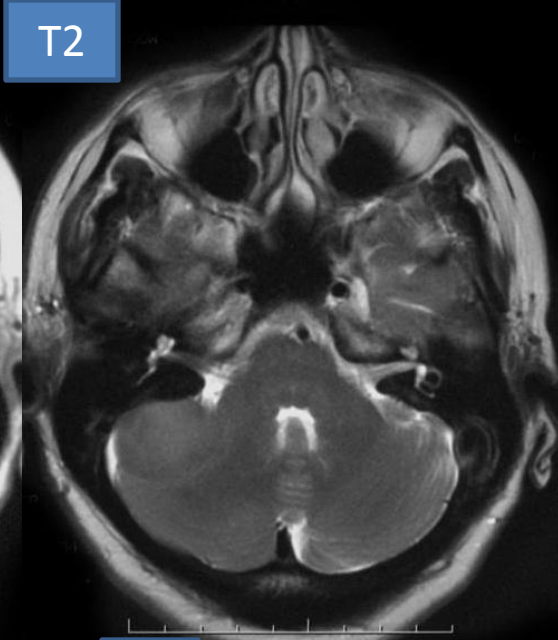
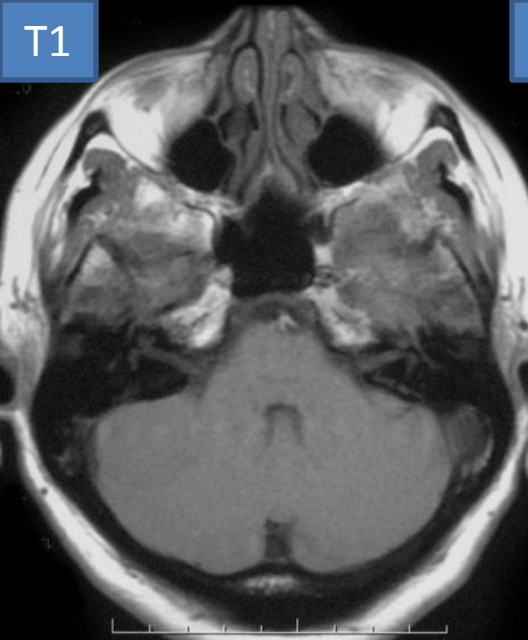
Pineal region meningioma

Isointense to grey matter on both T1 and T2
central region of lower T2 signal (possibly due to a vascular core).It demonstrates vivid contrast enhancement.

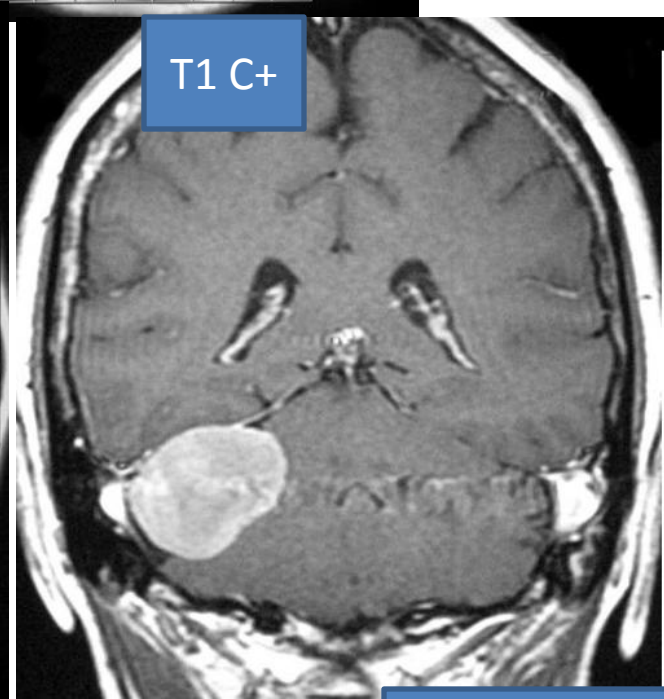
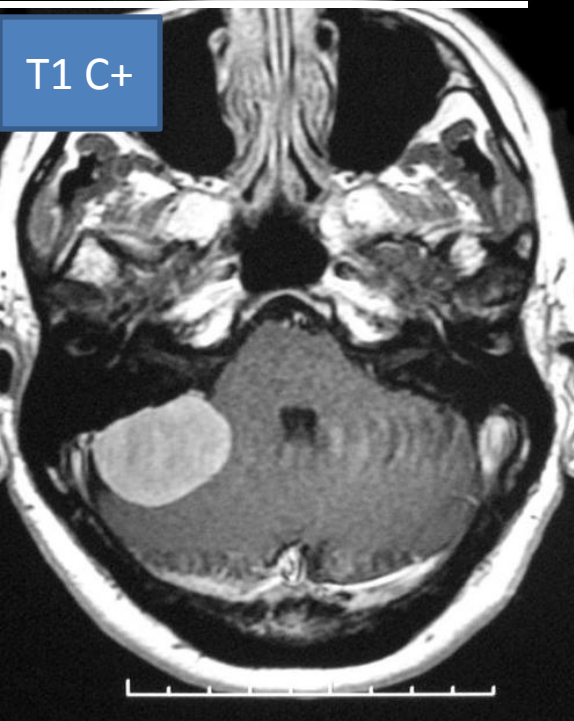
Restricted diffusion is seen throughout most of the mass, sparing the central region

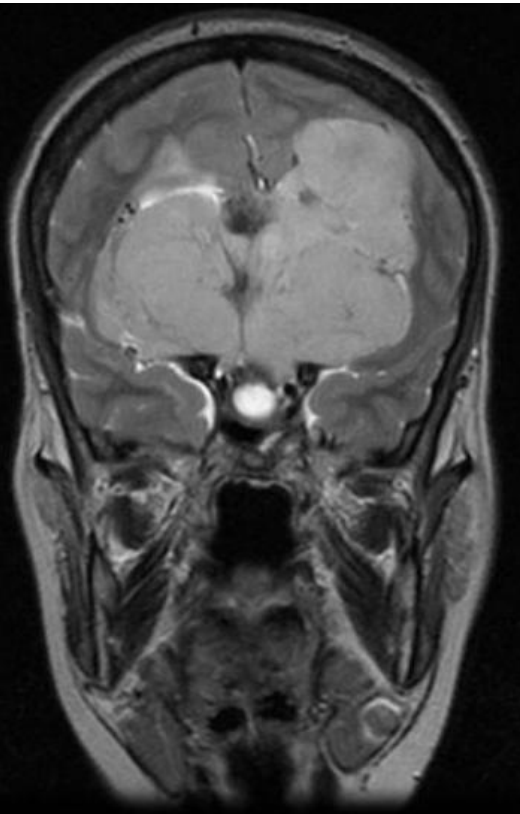
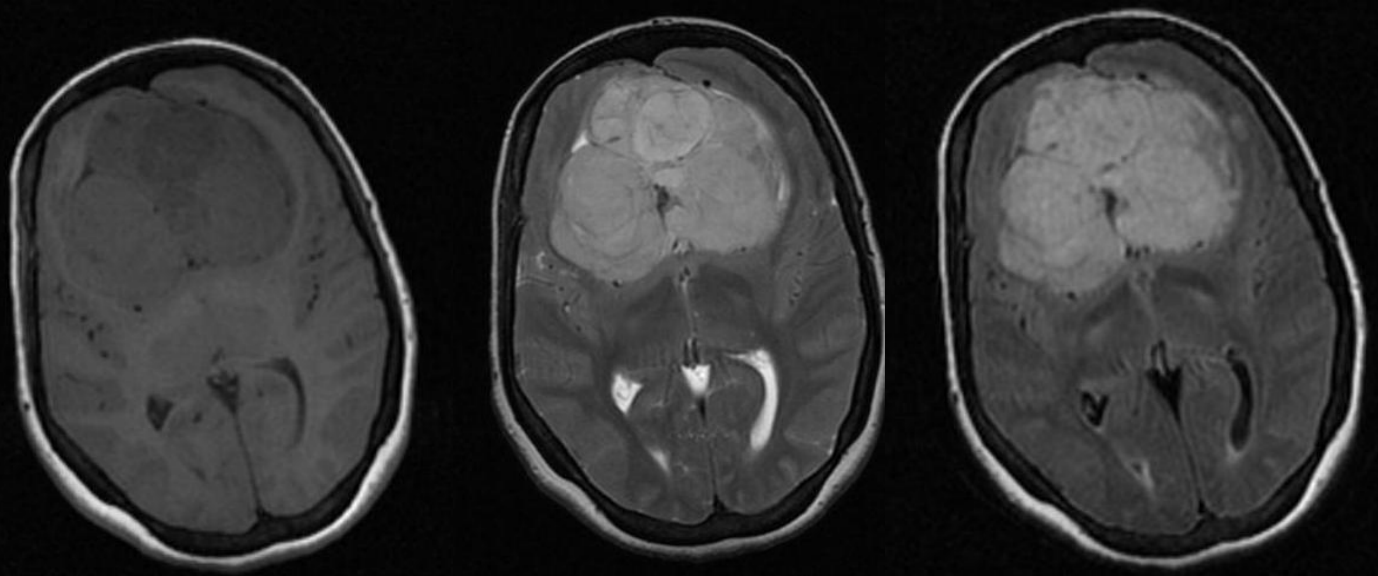
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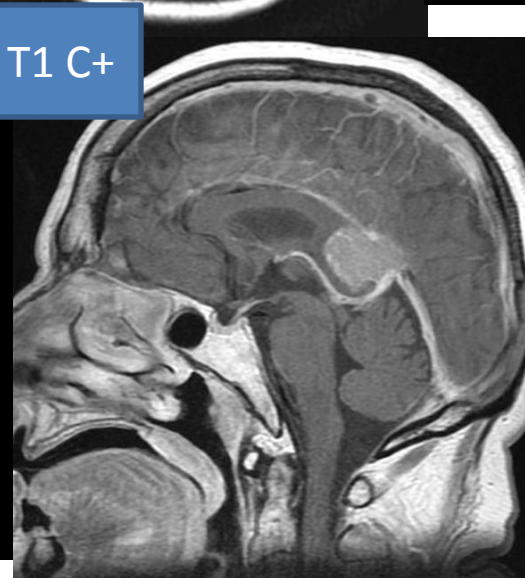
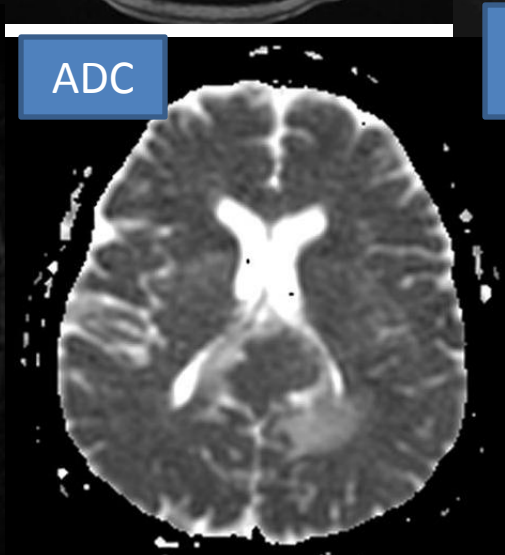
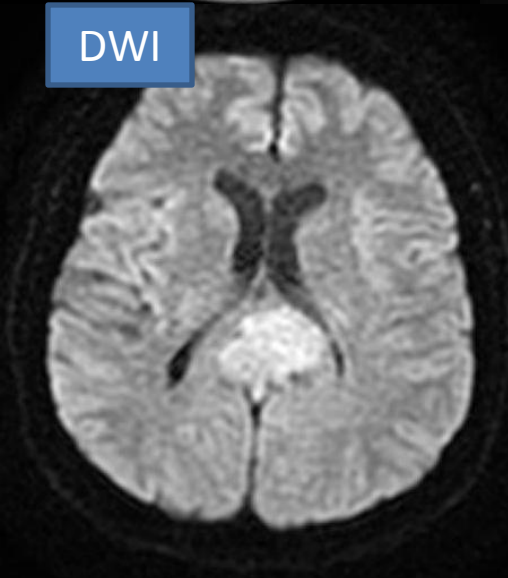
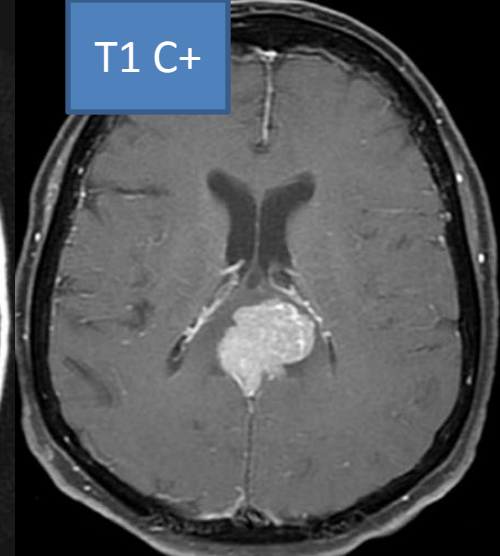
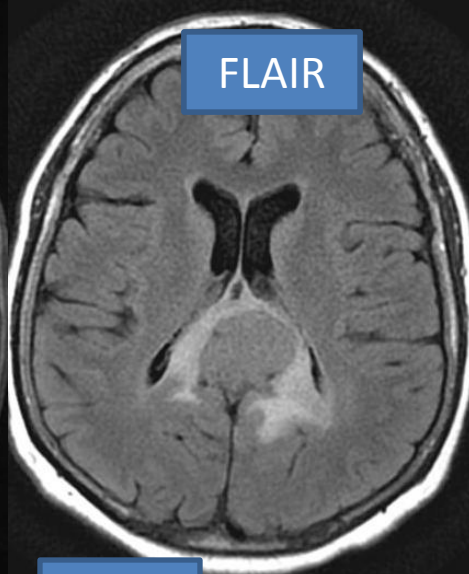
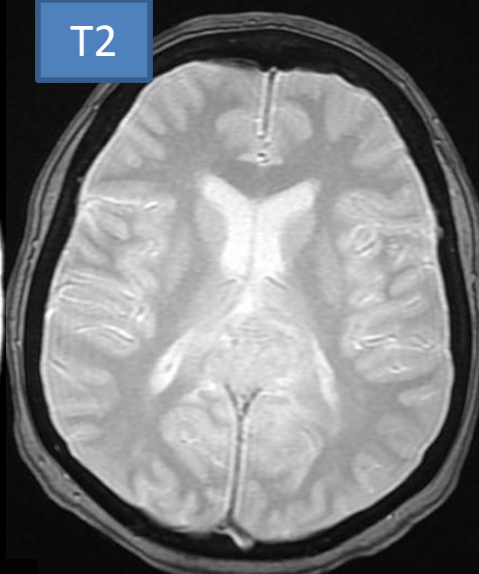
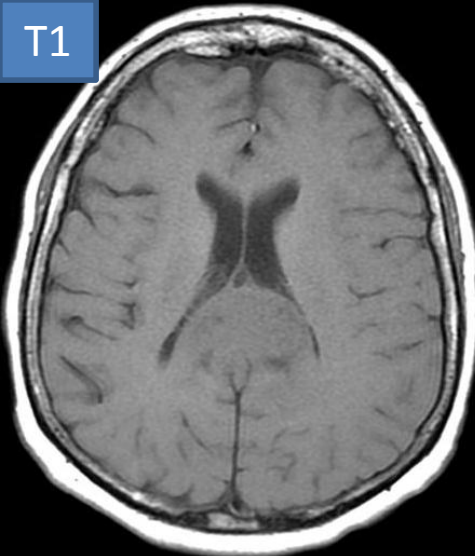
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vividly enhancing extra-axial mass posterior to the internal acoustic meatus. It is isointense to adjacent cerebellum on both T1 and T2 weighted images.







T1 C+

T2

FLAIR



bright signal on FLAIR and T2 and
strong enhancement after contrast administration T1C+

Cerebello-pontine angle



Schwannoma
Meningionma
Epidermoid
Arachnoid cyst
Metastasis

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schwannoma

T1

isointense to hypointense to brain
low signal cystic areas, if present

T1 C+ (Gd)

prominent enhancement
heterogeneous in 70% of cases ¹

T2

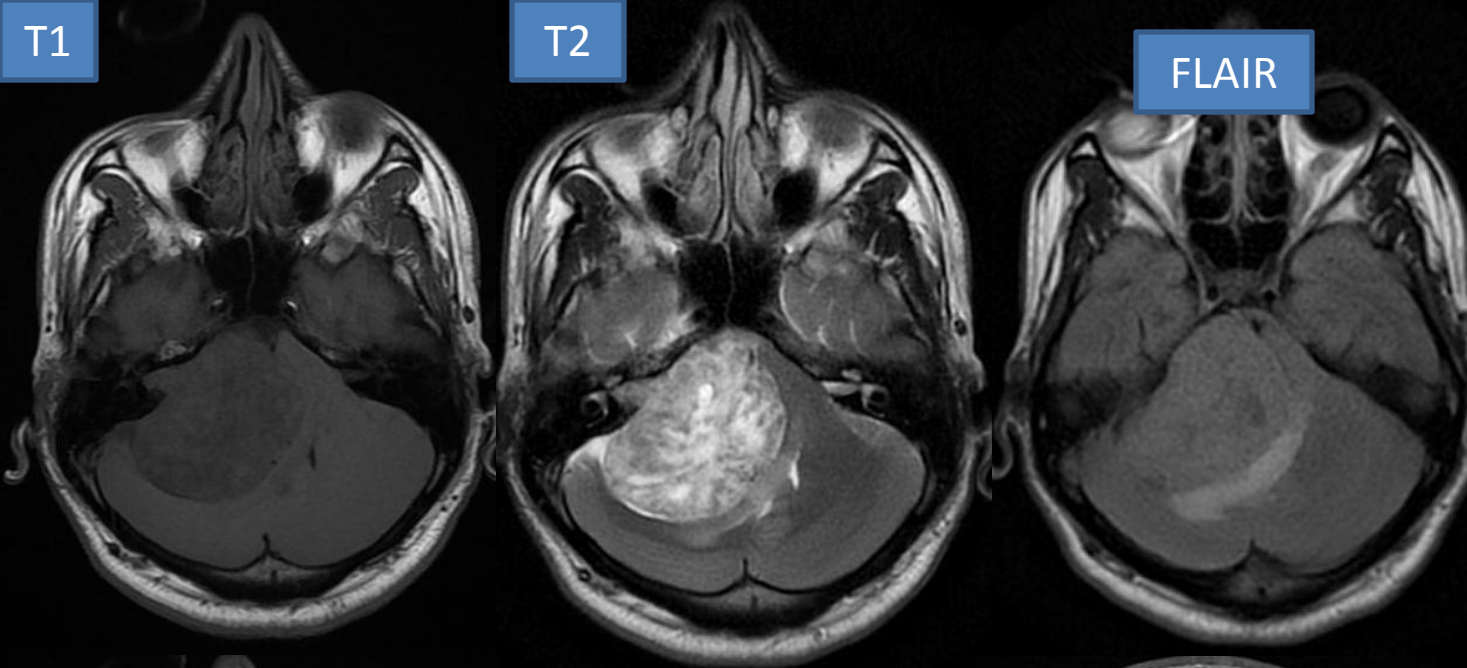
typically somewhat hyperintense to brain
cystic areas are hyperintense

T2* (GE / SWI)

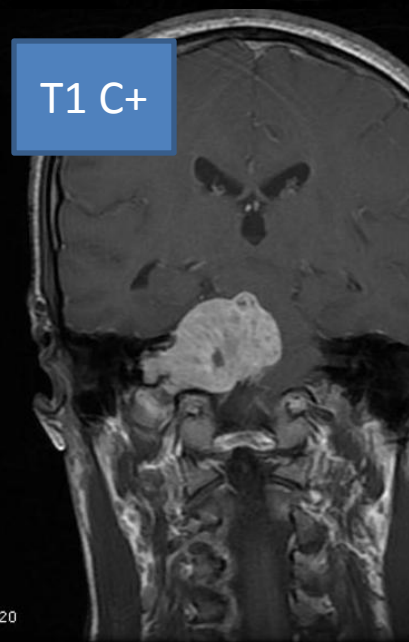
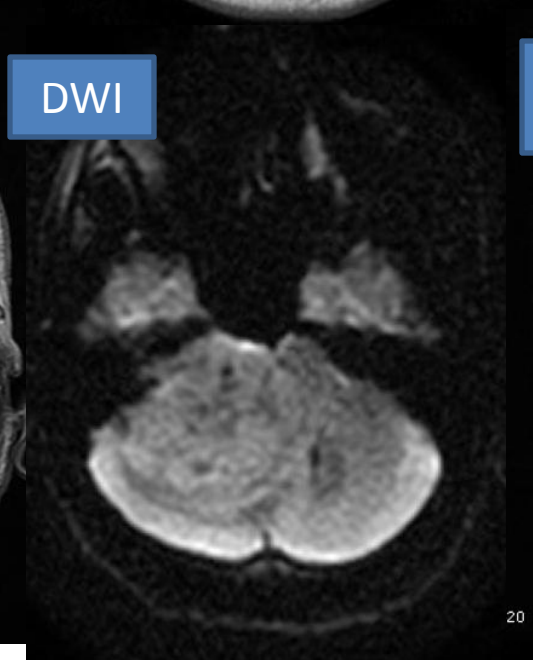
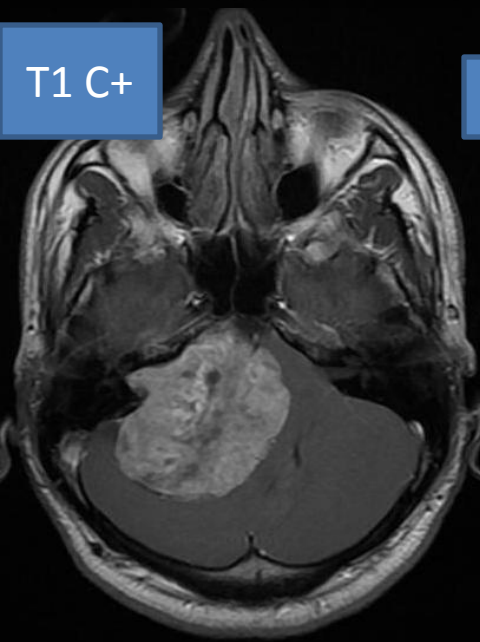
haemosiderin staining may be encountered, particularly in larger tumours ²

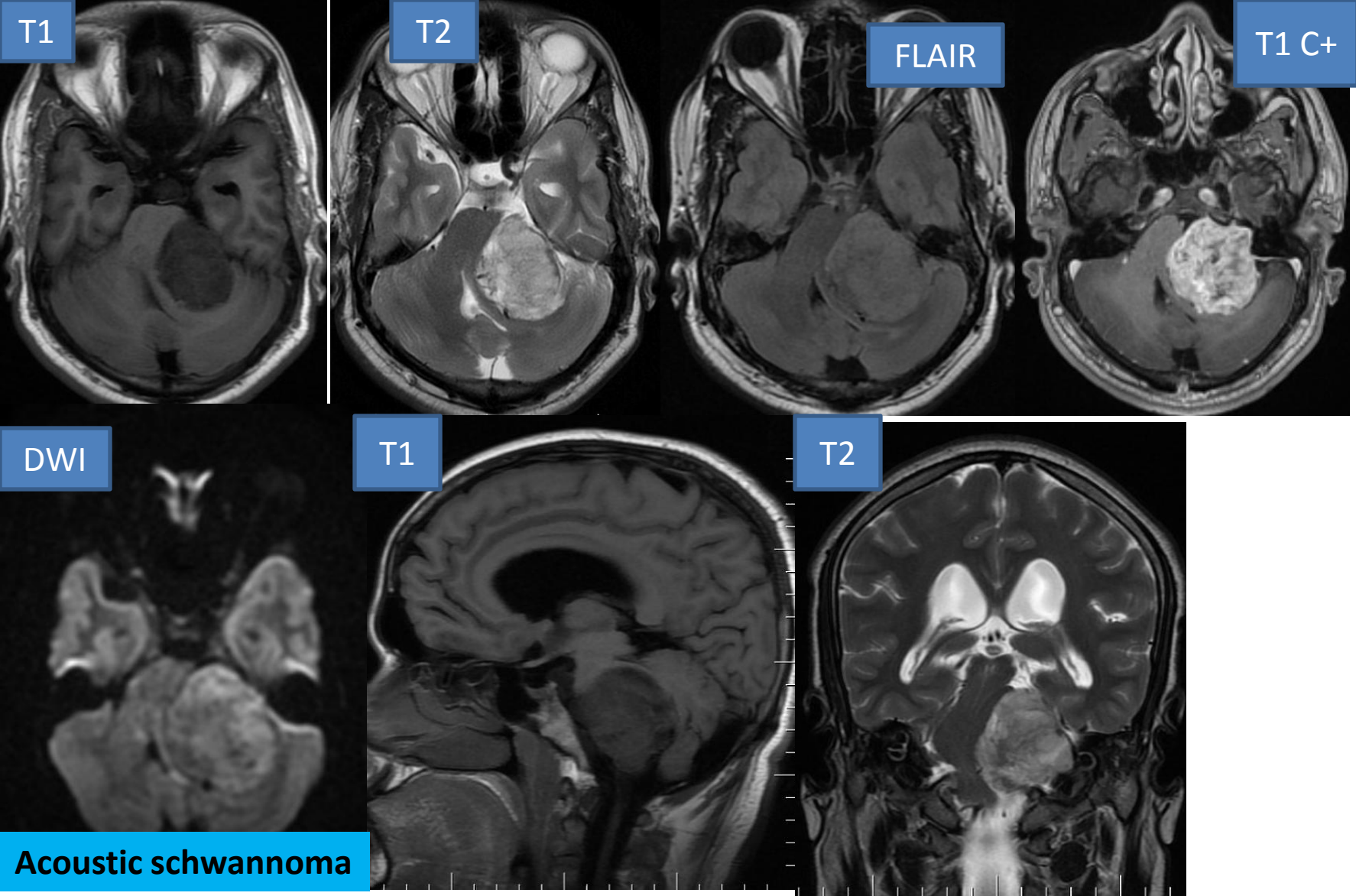
DWI/ADC

often higher signal on both DWI and ADC ([T2 shine through](#) - not restricted diffusion)



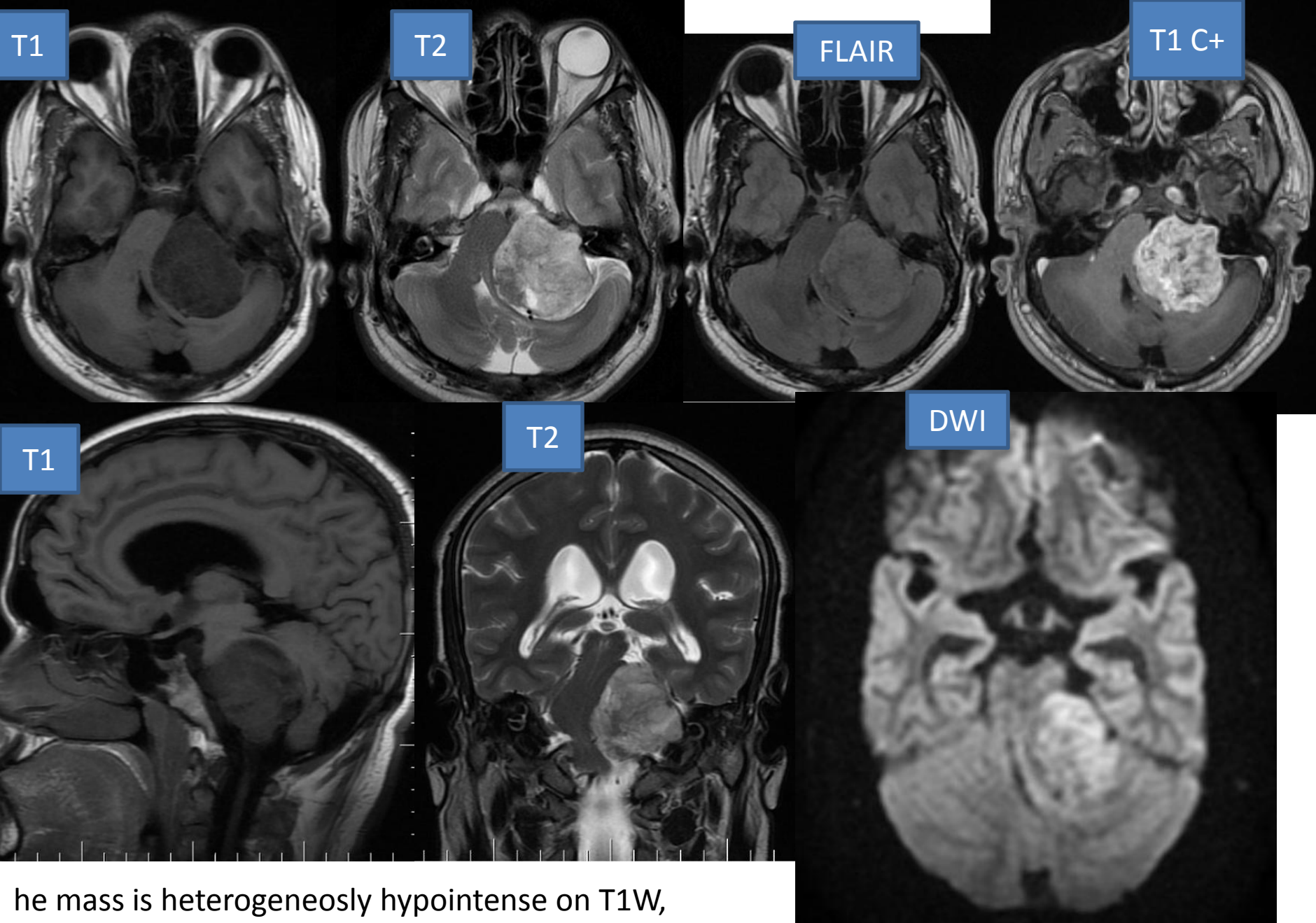
Acoustic neuroma
 shows heterogenous hypointense T1 and hyperintense T2 signal with central necrosis. The lesion shows intense heterogenous post-contrast enhancement





Acoustic schwannoma

The mass is heterogeneously hypointense on T1W, hyperintense on T2W and FLAIR sequences. Few tiny foci of blooming on gradient echo sequence suggestive of haemorrhage. Multiple non-enhancing cystic necrotic areas are seen within the tumour.

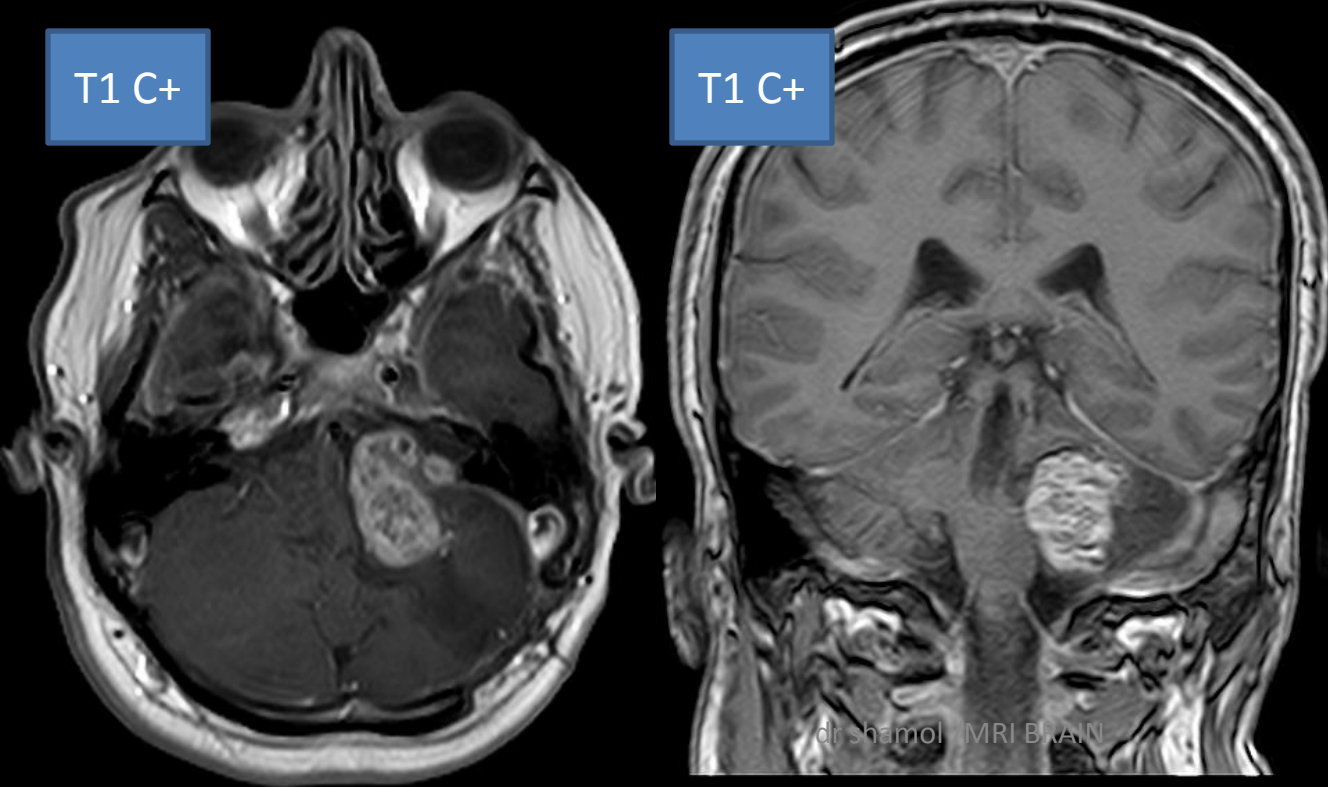
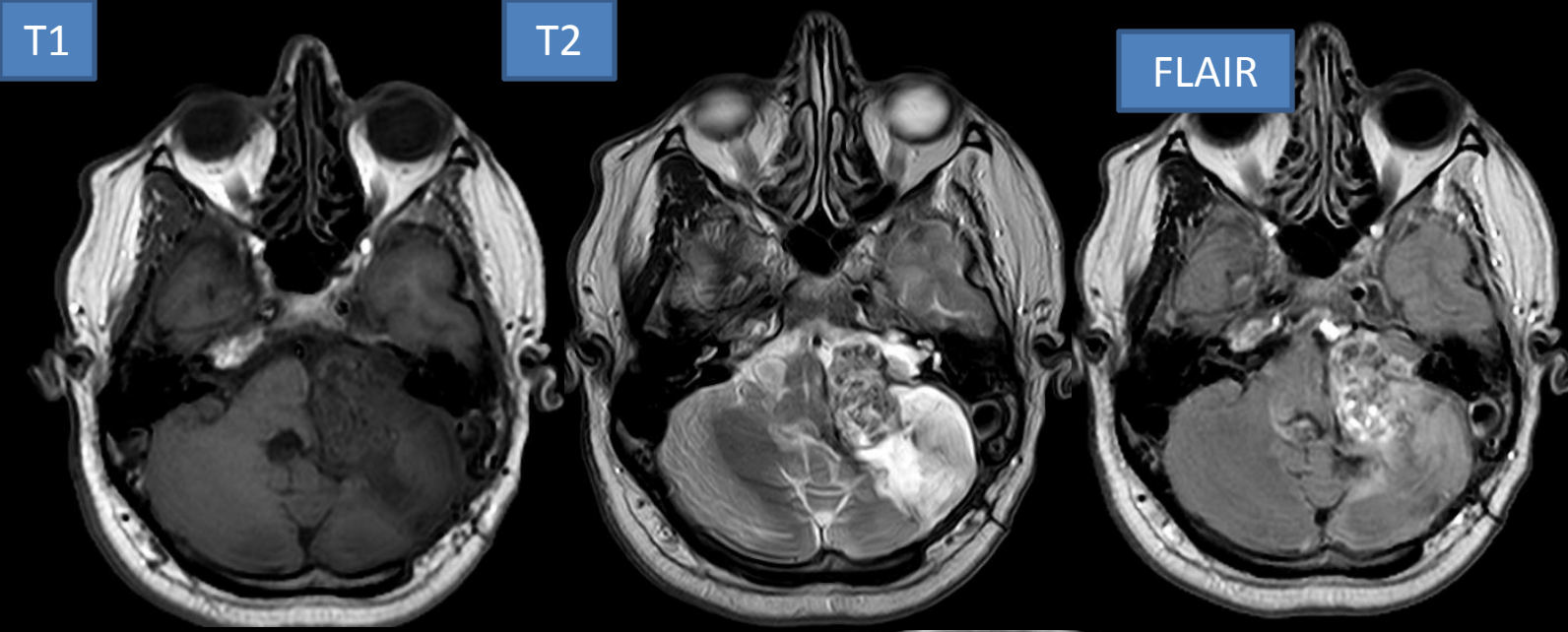


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hyperintense on T2W and FLAIR sequences.

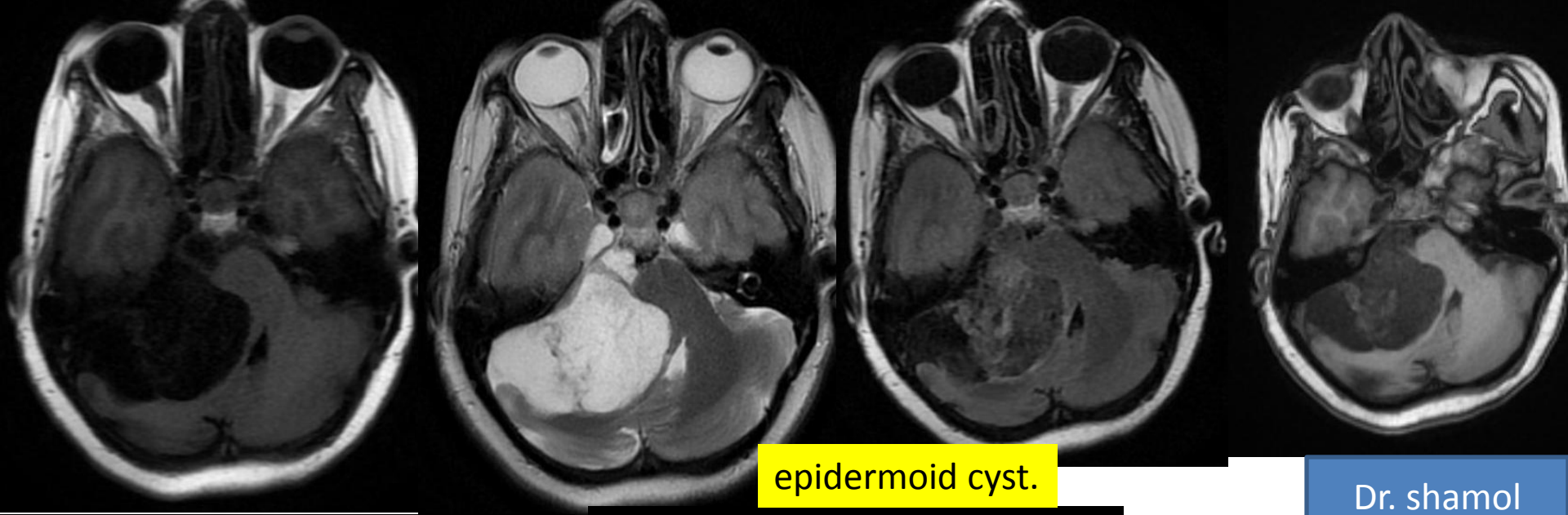
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Acoustic schwannoma

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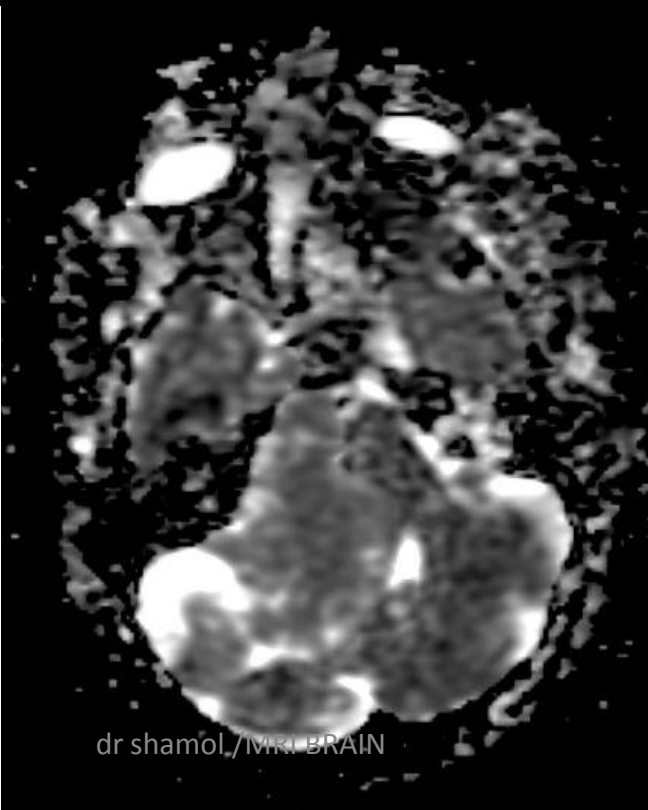
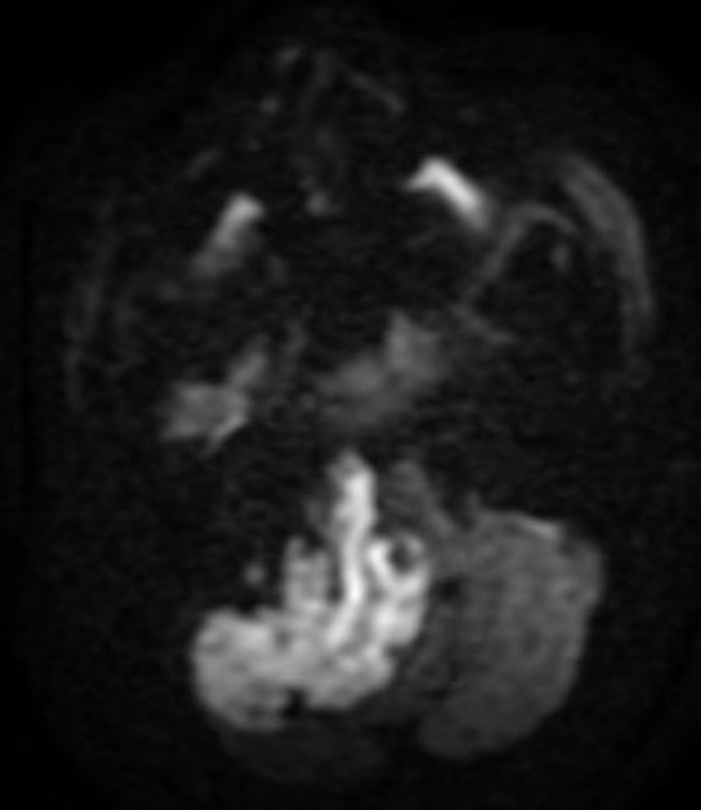


Vestibular schwannoma



epidermoid cyst.

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T1

Hypointense

T1 C+ (Gd)

Post contrast scan shows
no enhancement

T2

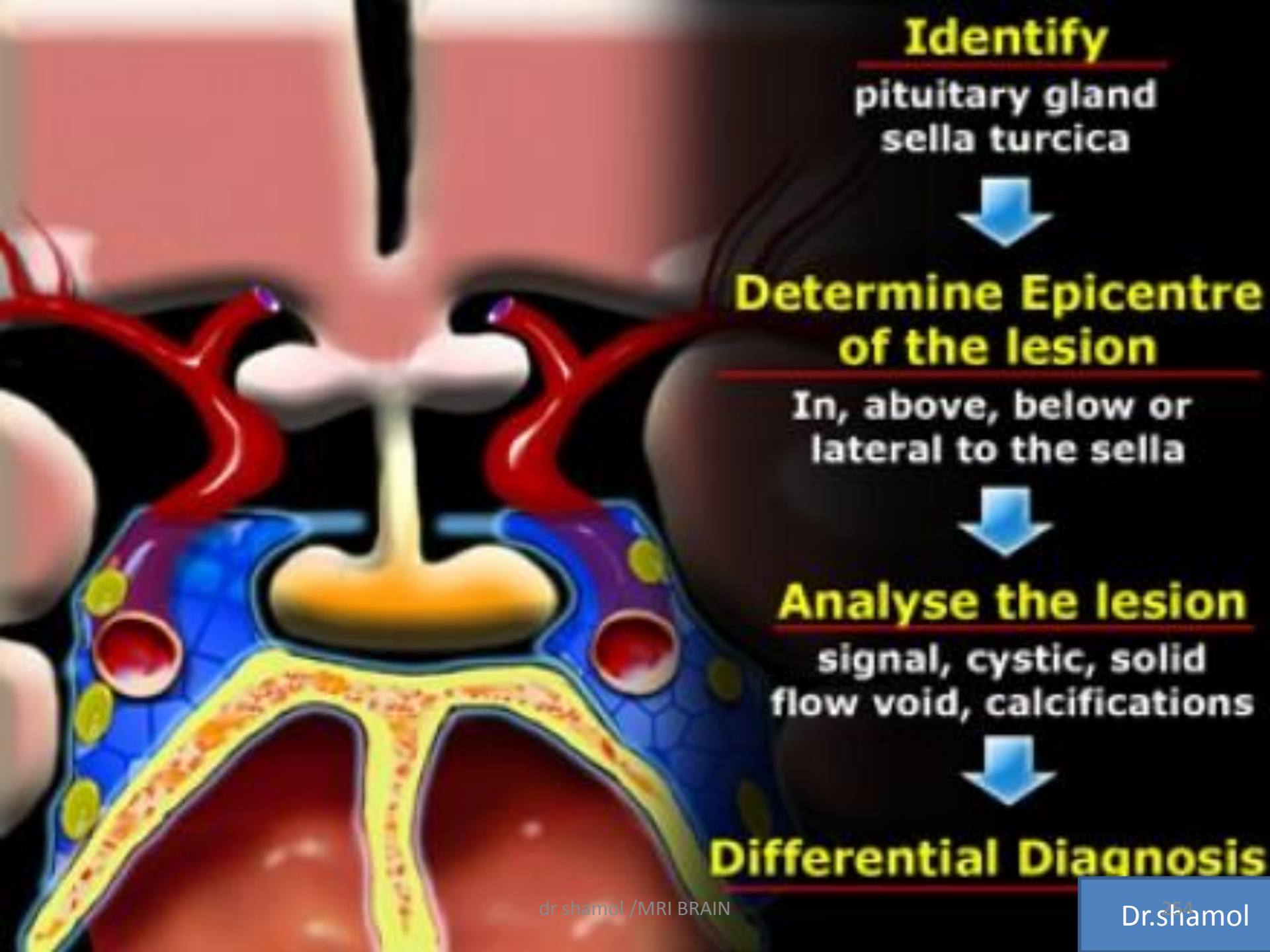
Hyperintense

FLAIR

often
heterogeneous/dirty

DWI:

shows restricted diffusion
and showing ADC similar
to brain parenchyma.



Identify
pituitary gland
sella turcica



**Determine Epicentre
of the lesion**

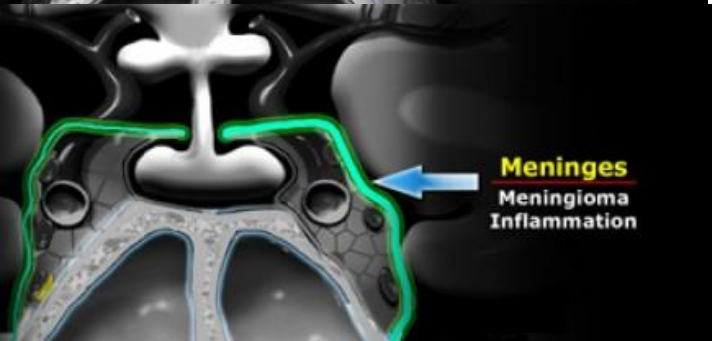
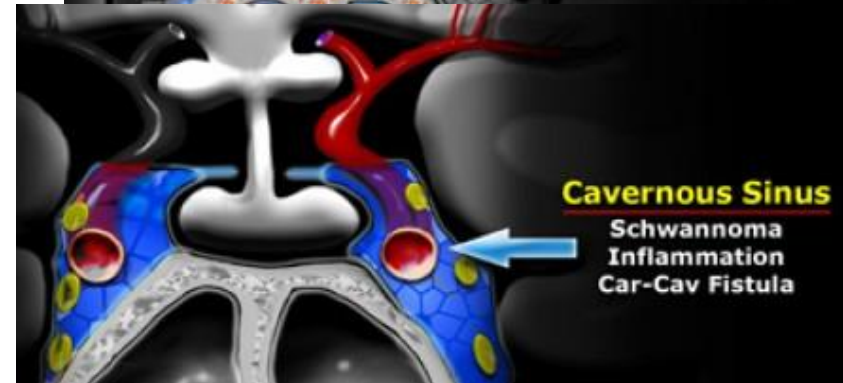
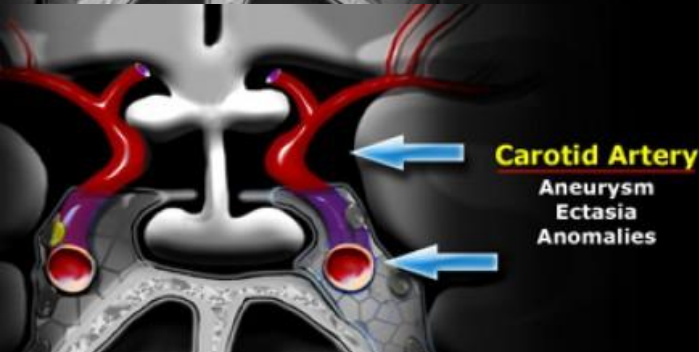
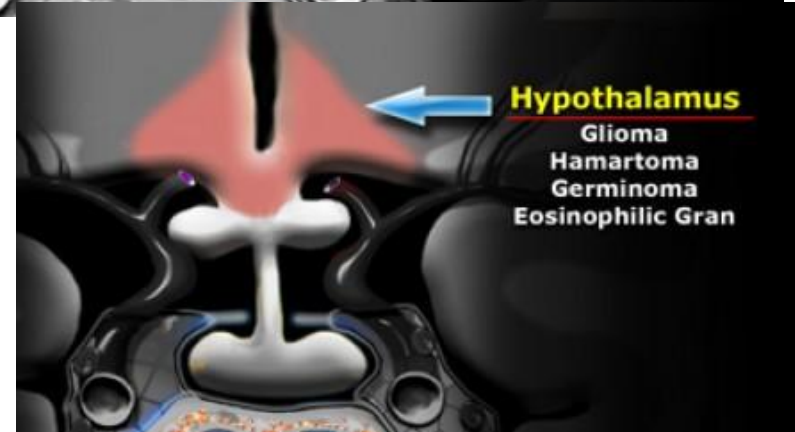
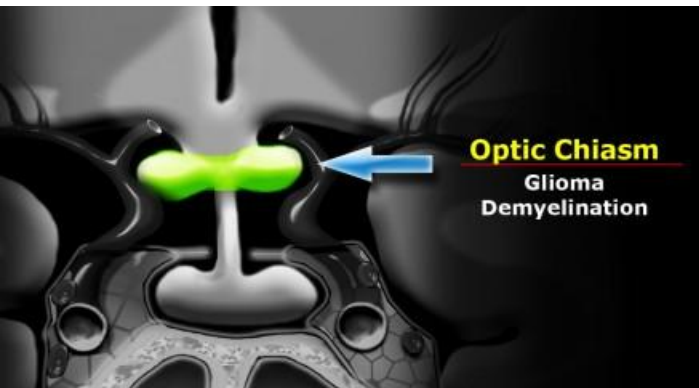
In, above, below or
lateral to the sella

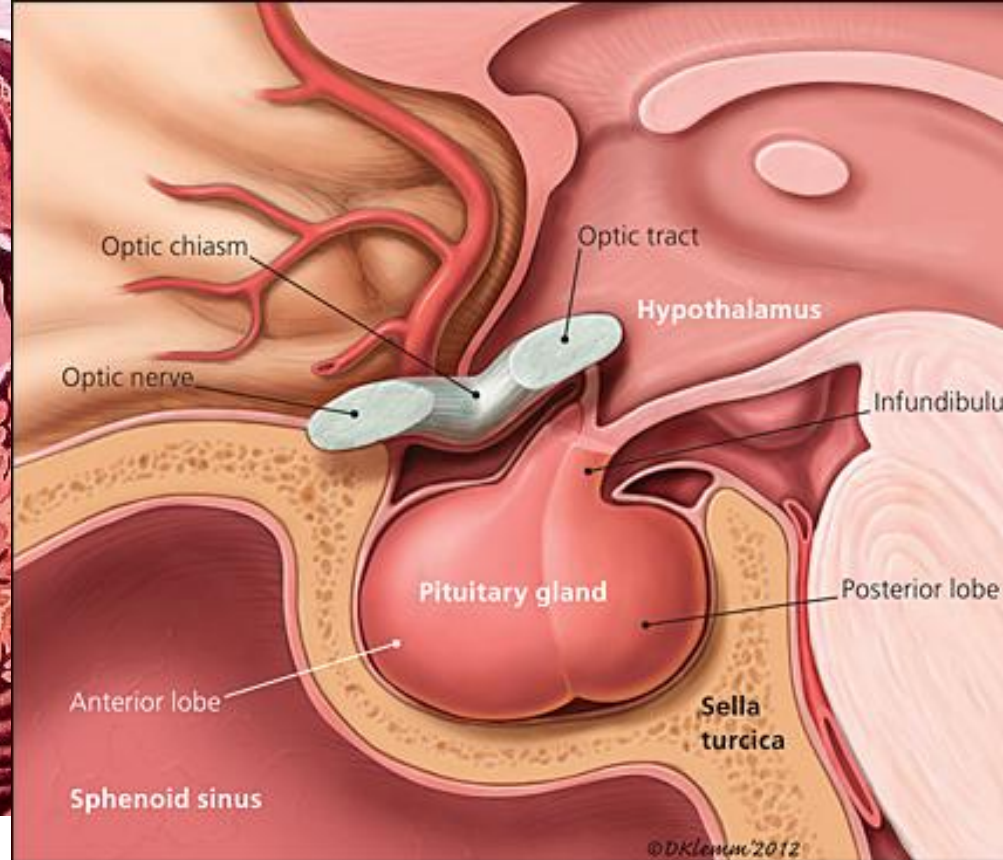
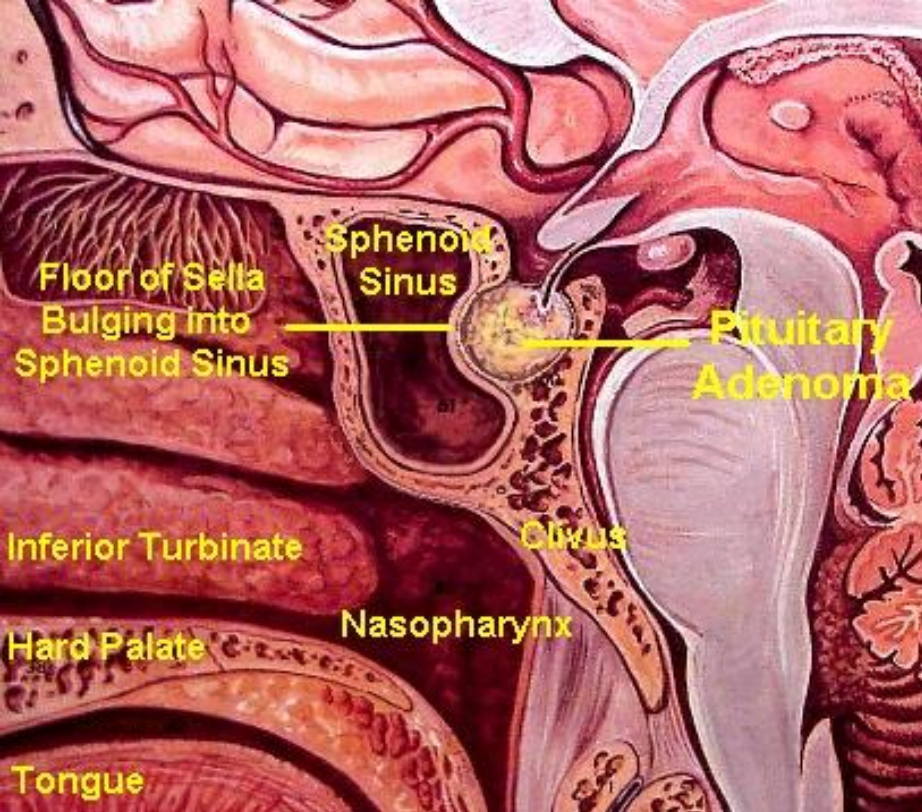


Analyse the lesion
signal, cystic, solid
flow void, calcifications



Differential Diagnosis





PITUITARY ADENOMA

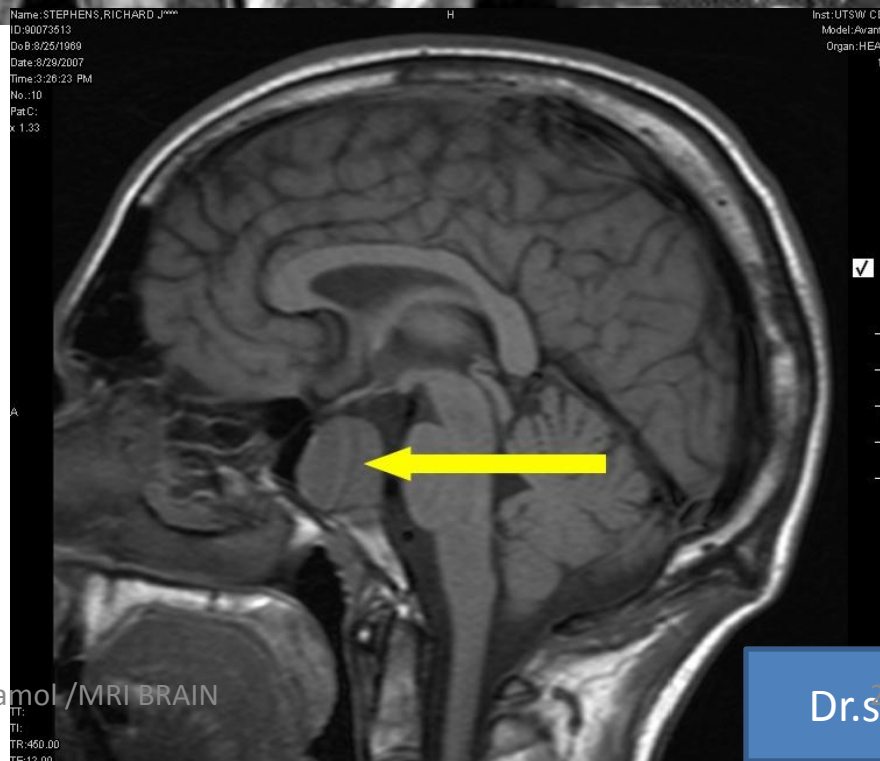
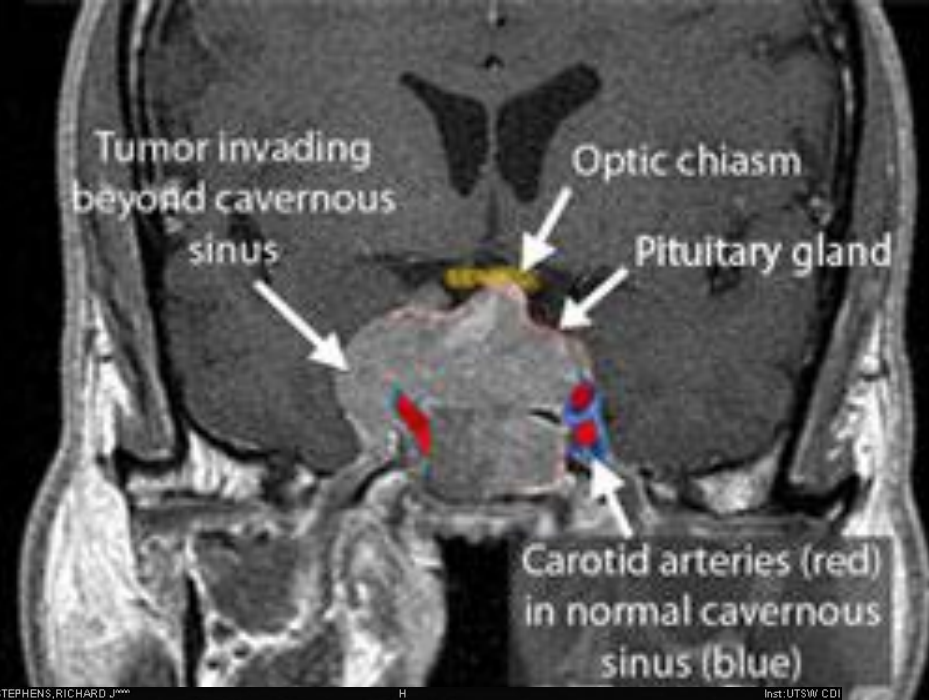
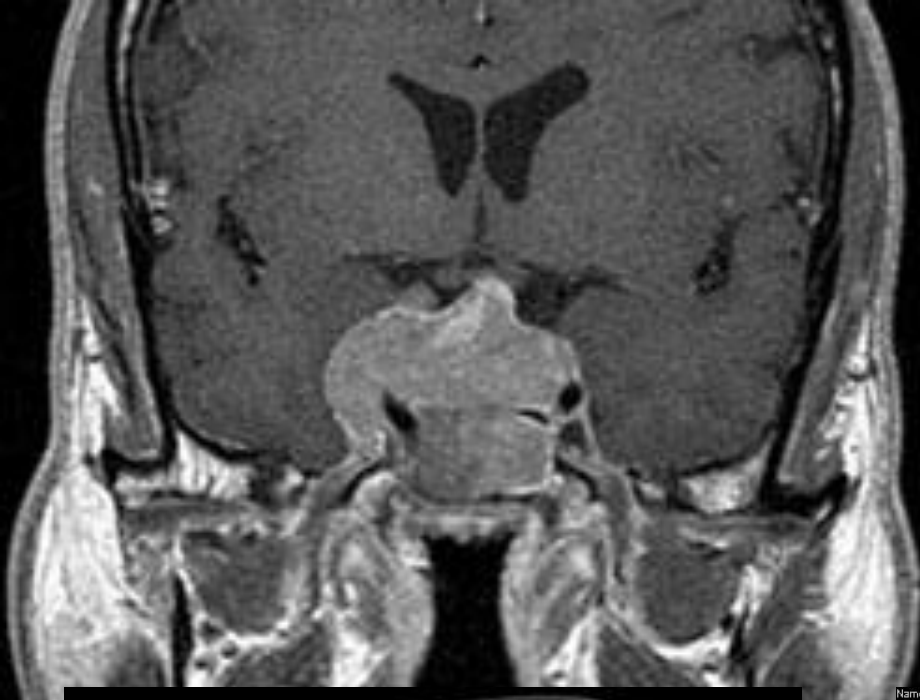
Classification

Microadenoma	< 10 mm diameter	Secreting adenoma
Macroadenoma	> 10 mm diameter	Mass effects Non secreting



Pituitary macroadenoma

T1	typically isointense to grey matter
	larger lesions are often heterogeneous and vary in signal due to areas of cystic change/necrosis/haemorrhage
T1 C+ (Gd)	solid components demonstrate moderate to bright enhancement
T2	typically isointense to grey matter
	larger lesions are often heterogeneous and vary in signal due to areas of cystic change/necrosis/haemorrhage

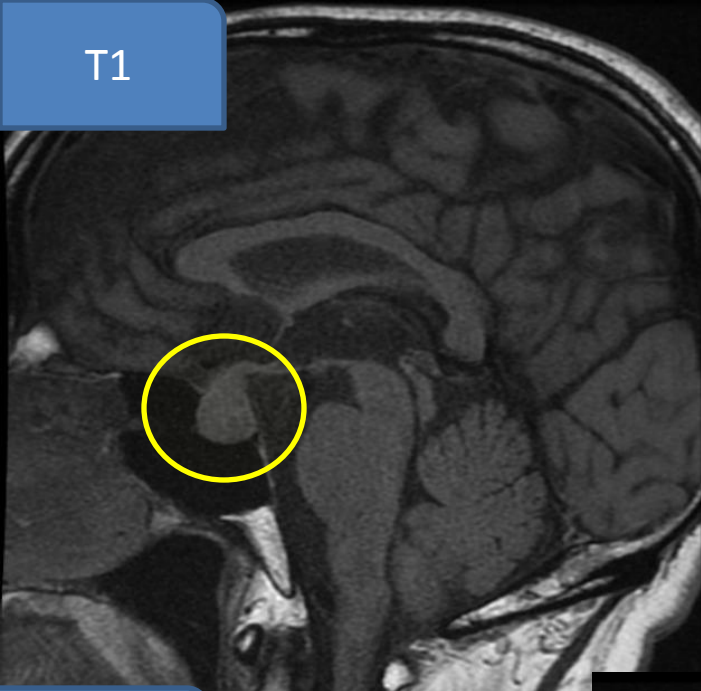


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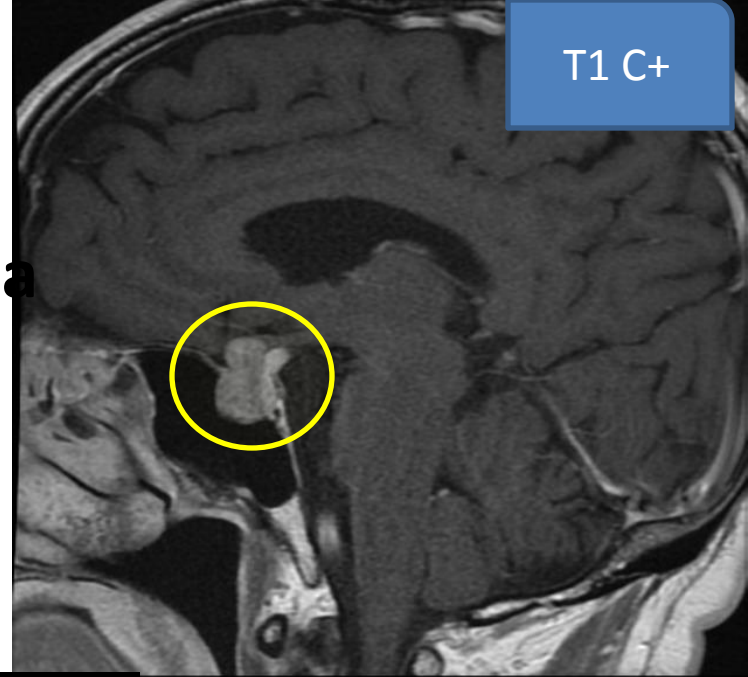
CASE 1

T1

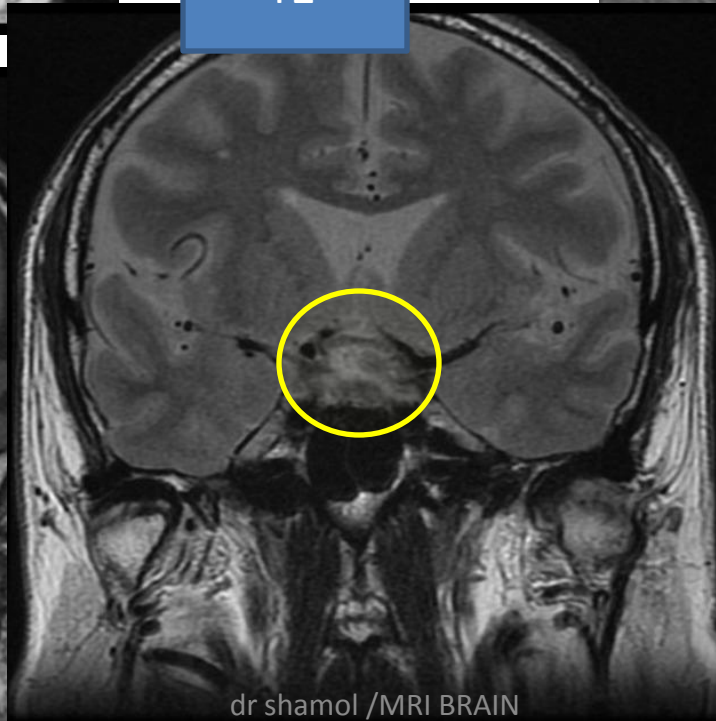


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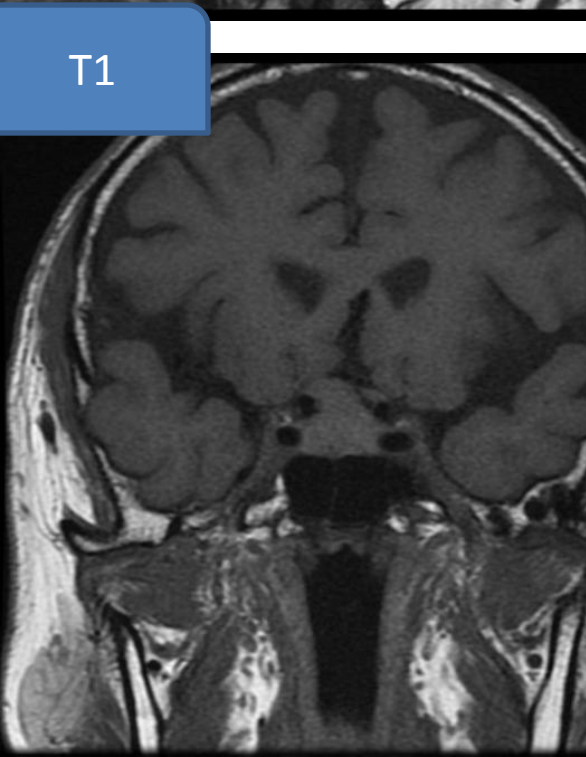
T1 C+



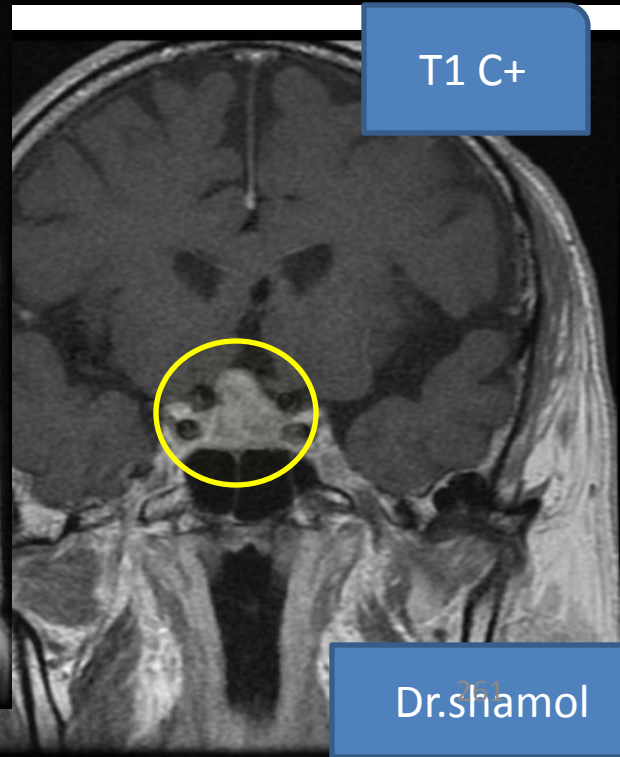
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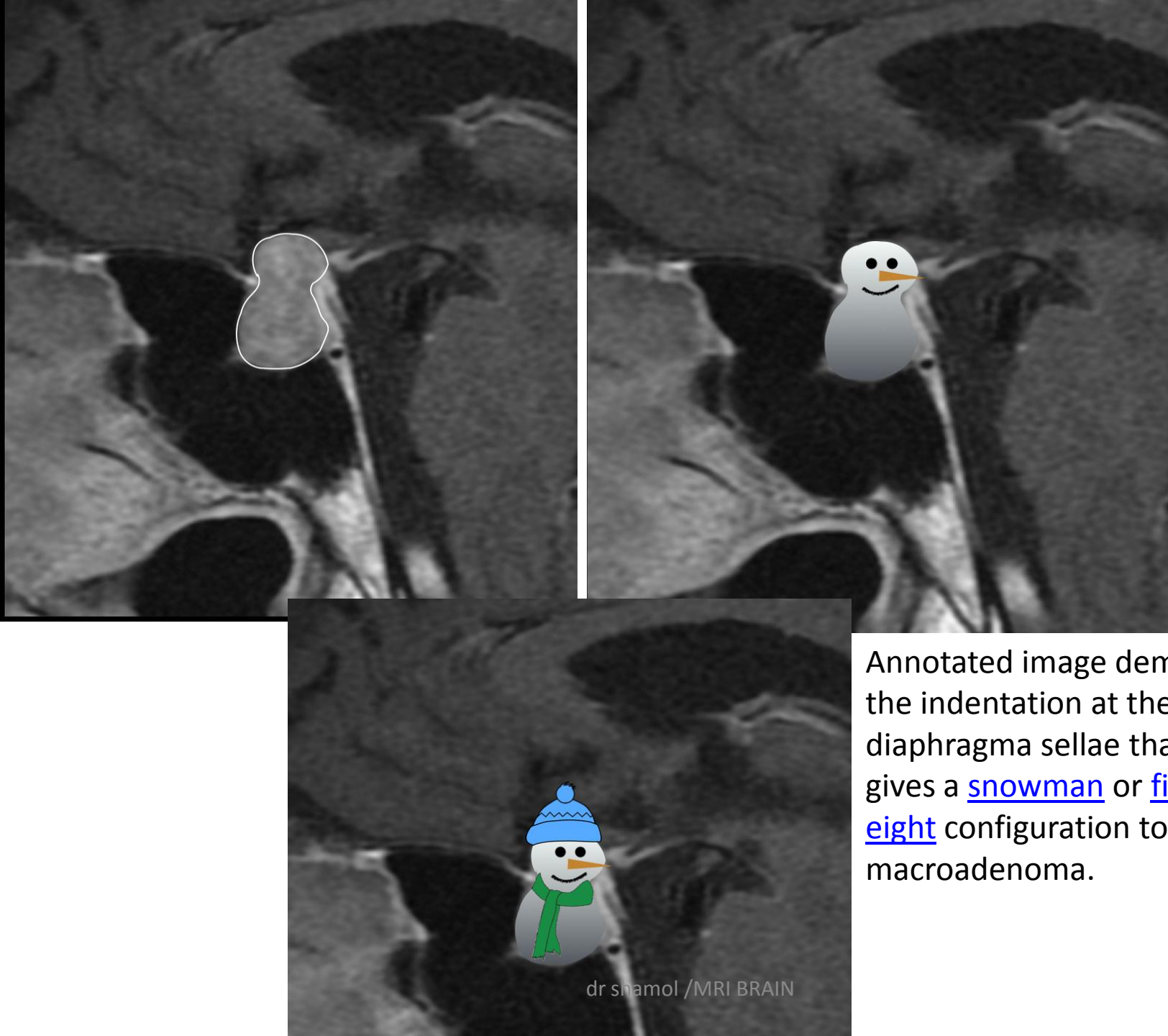


T1



T1 C+





Annotated image demonstrating the indentation at the diaphragma sellae that gives a [snowman](#) or [figure eight](#) configuration to the macroadenoma.

CASE 1

T1



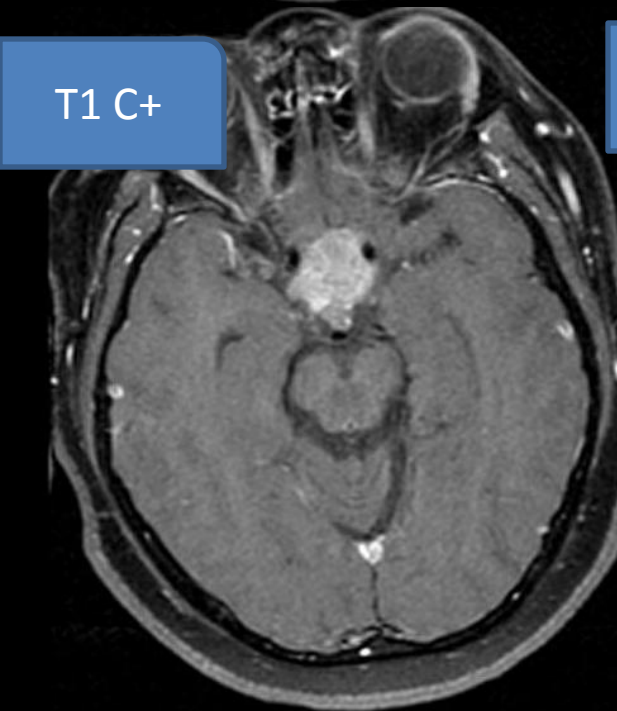
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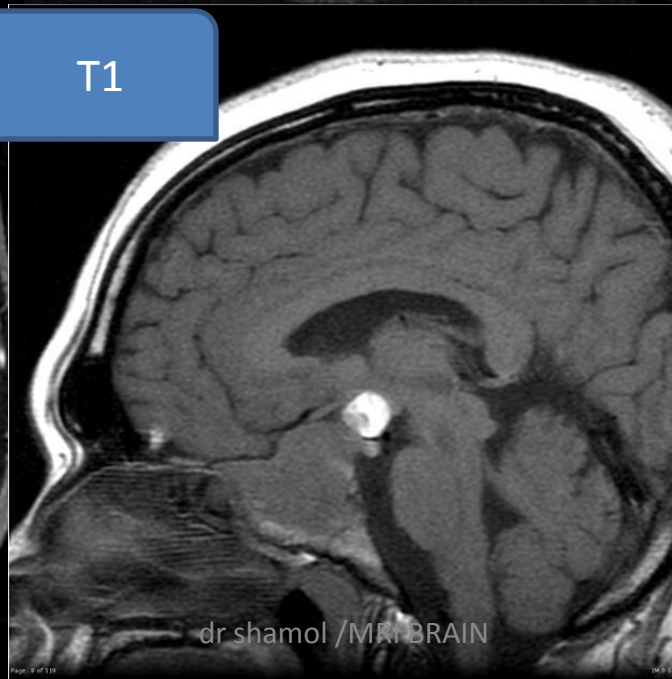
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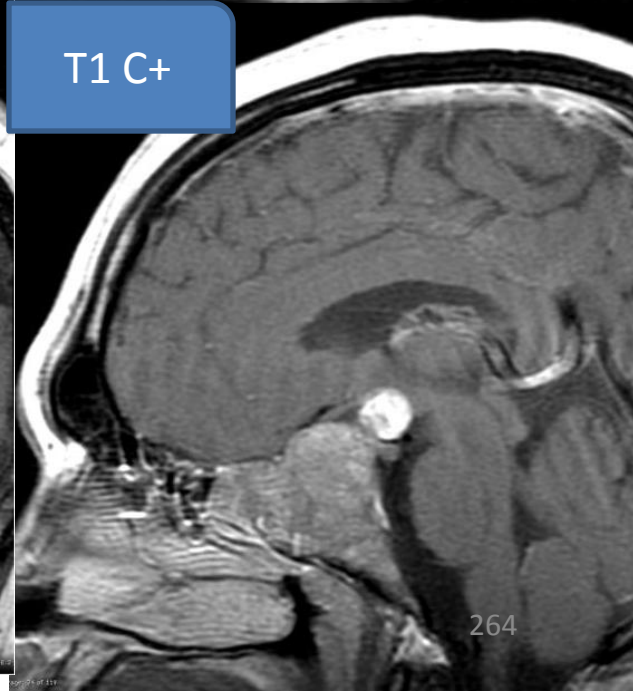
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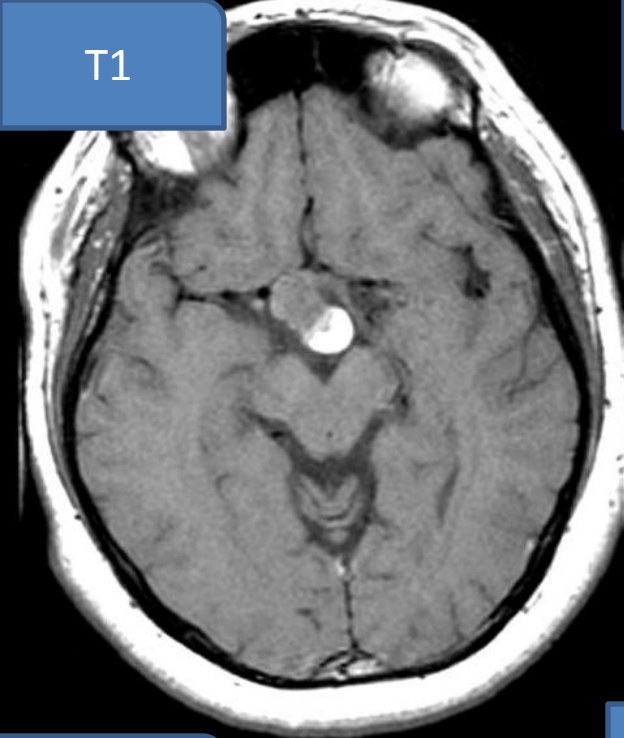
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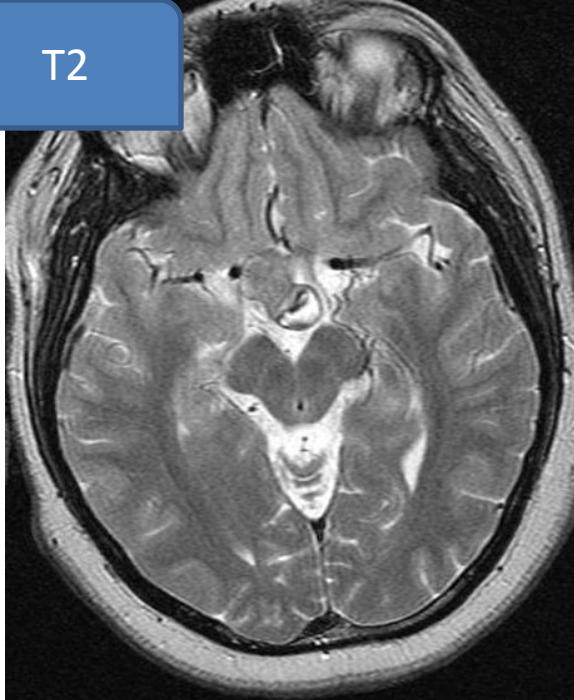
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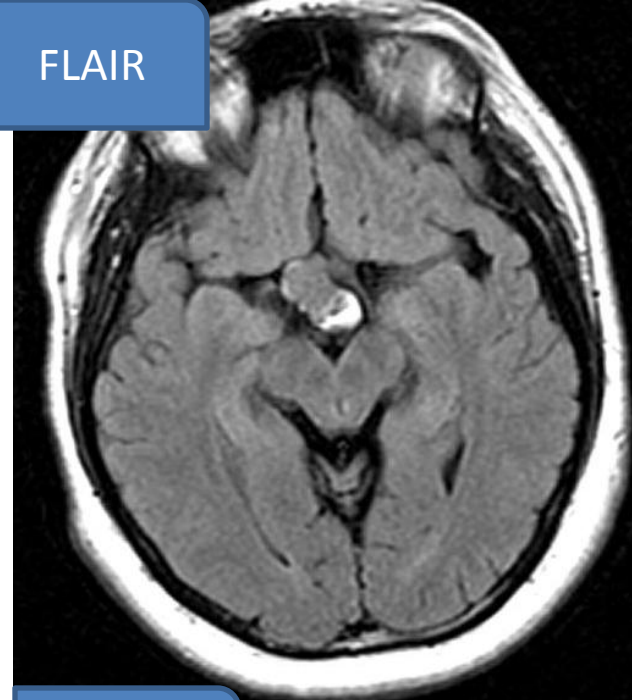
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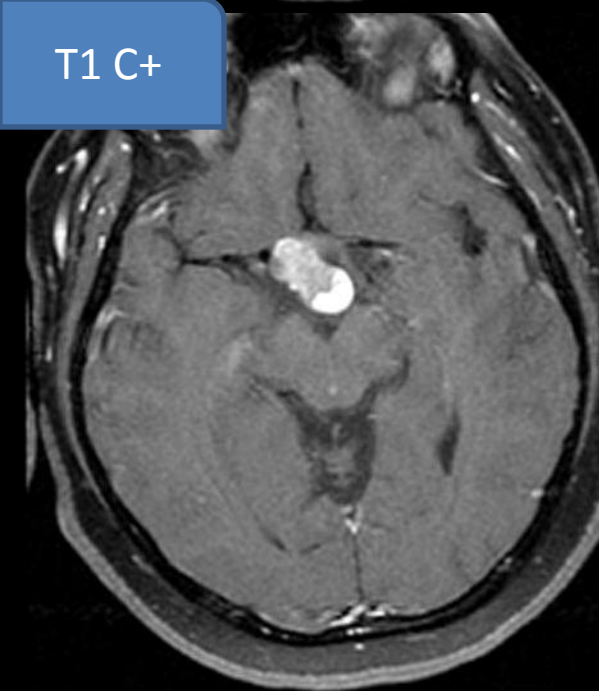
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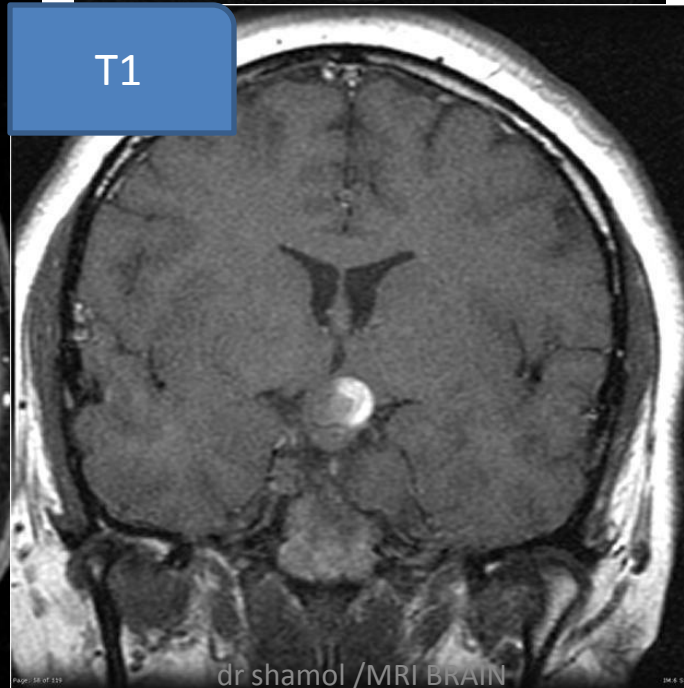
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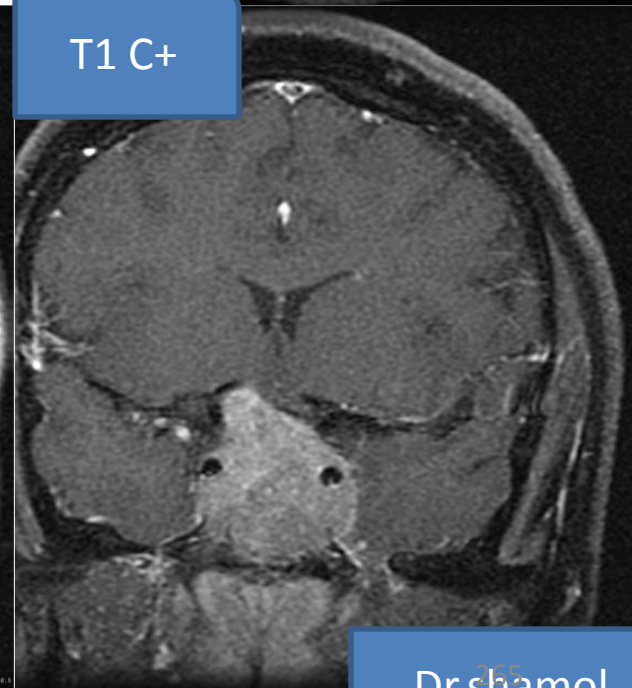
T1 C+



T1



T1 C+

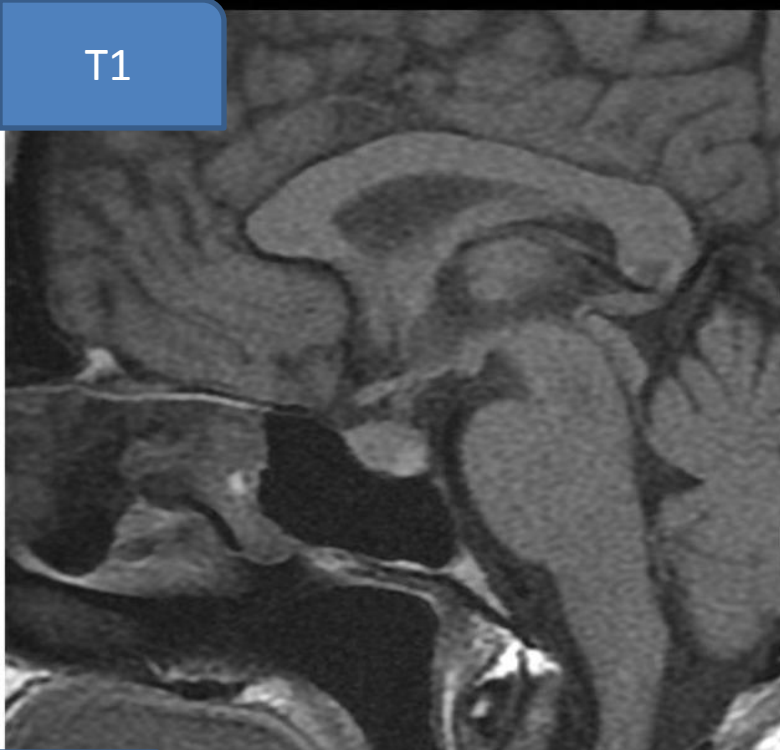


Pituitary microadenoma

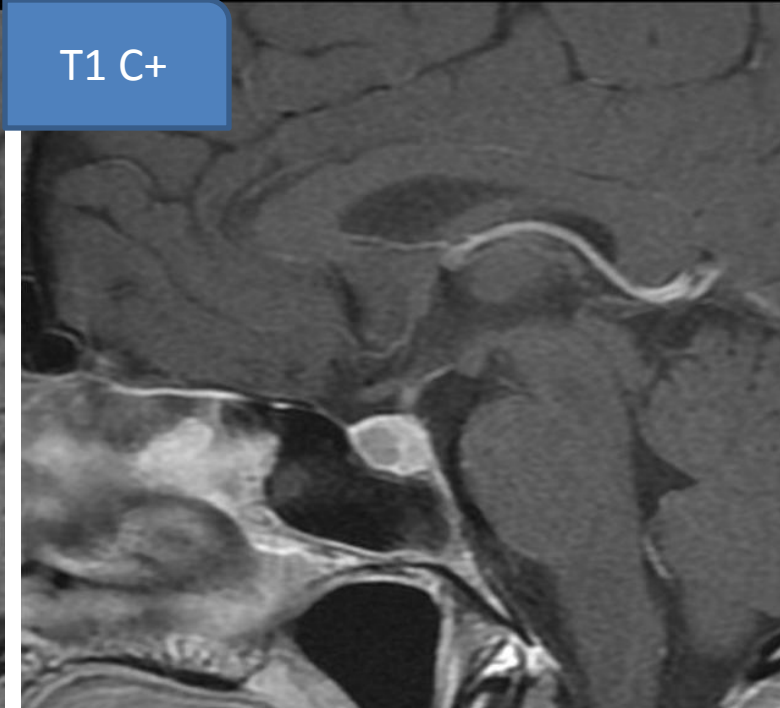
T1	usually isointense to normal pituitary
T1 C+ (Gd)	dynamic sequences demonstrate a rounded region of delayed enhancement compared to the rest of the gland ¹
	delayed images are variable, ranging from hypo-enhancement (most common) to isointense to the rest of the gland, to hyperintense (retained contrast)
T2	variable, but often a little hyperintense



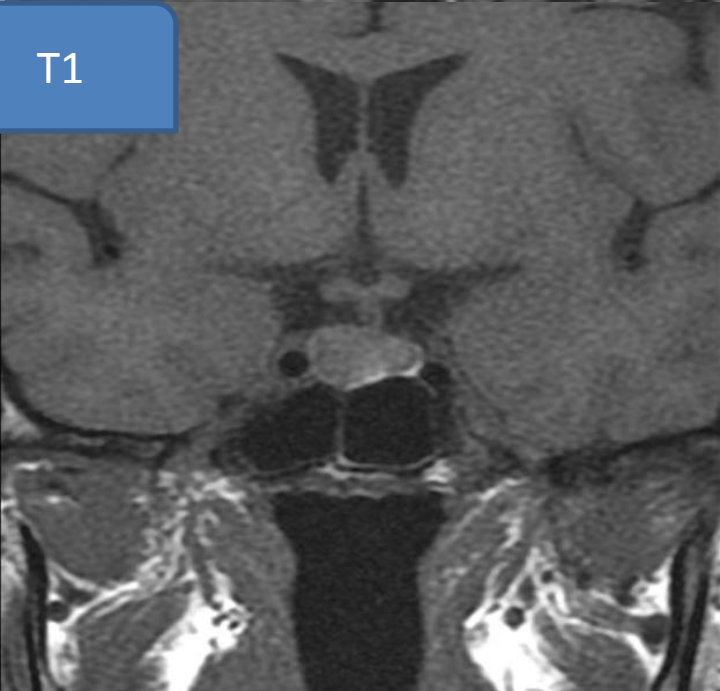
T1



T1 C+

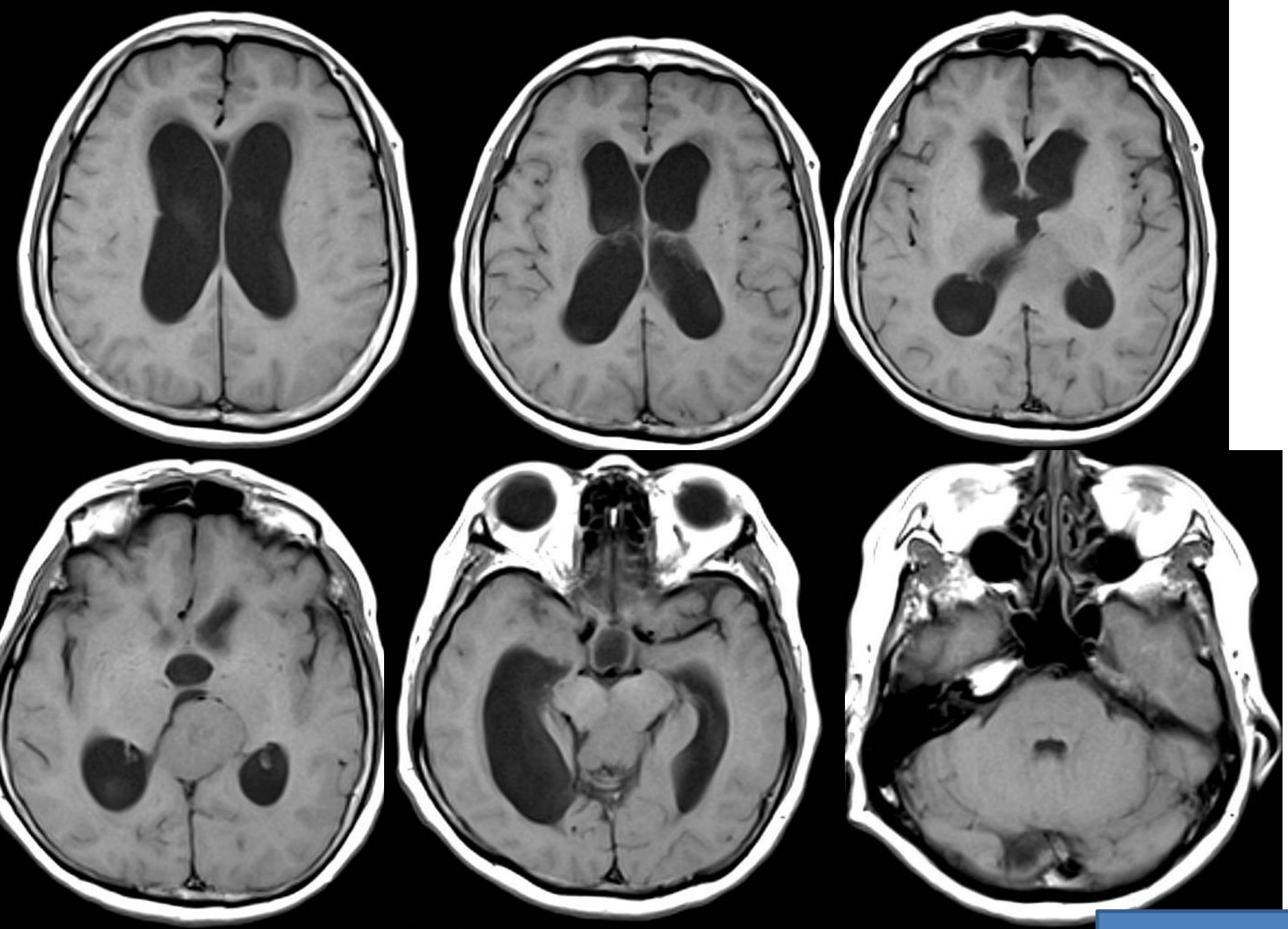


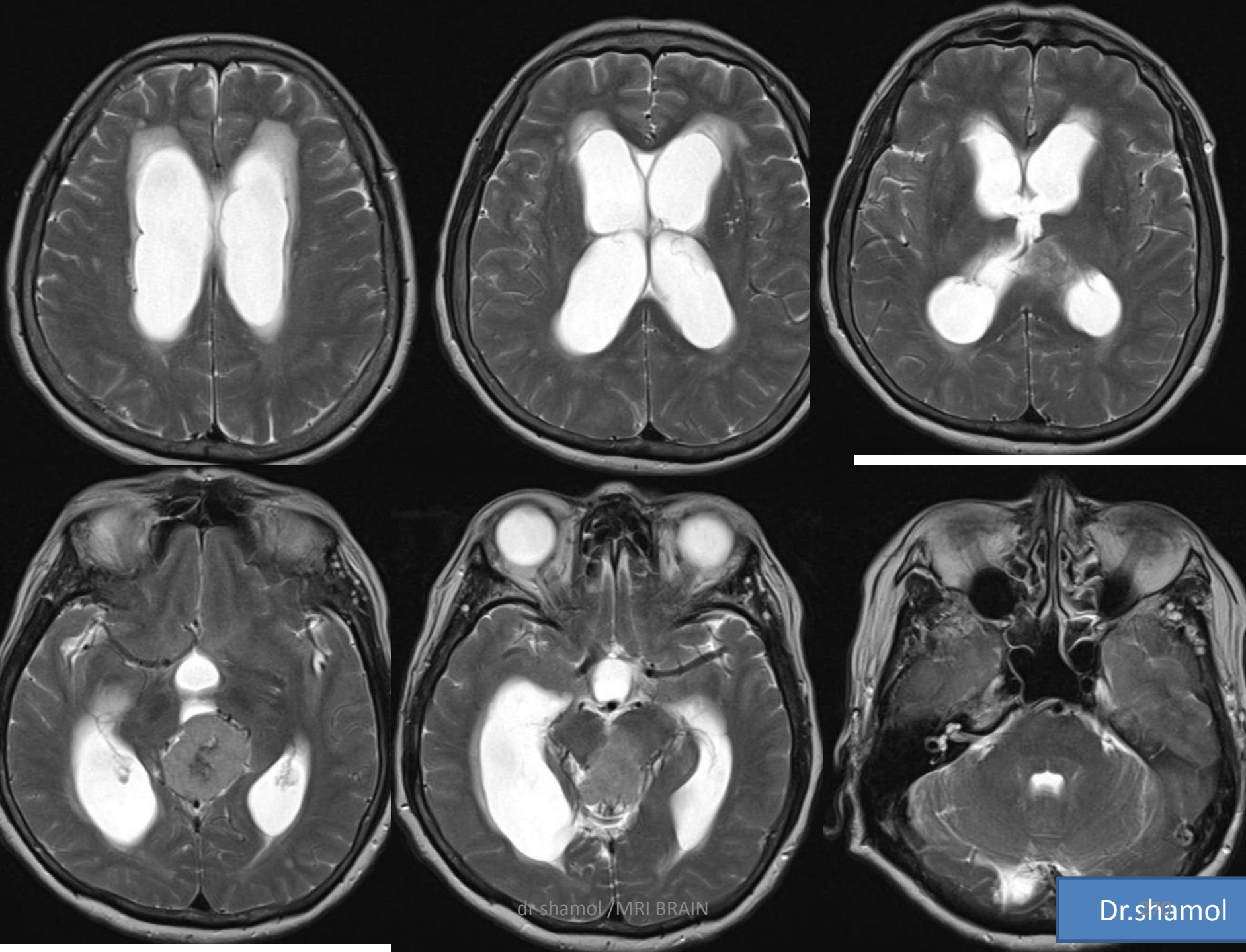
T1



T1 C+





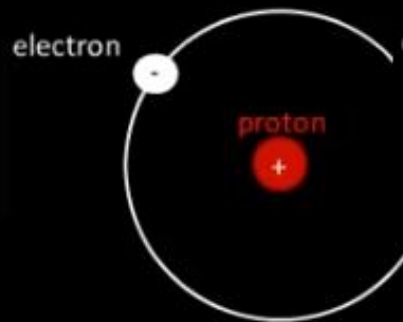


Basic of mri

- ❖ Hydrogen is the simplest element with atomic number of 1 and atomic weight of 1
- ❖ When in ionic state (H^+), it is nothing but a proton.
- ❖ Proton is not only positively charged, but also has magnetic spin (wobble)
- ❖ We are magnets but we can't act like magnets?
- ❖ Because The protons (i.e. Hydrogen ions) in body are spinning in a haphazard fashion, and cancel all the magnetism. That is our natural state
- ❖ MRI utilizes this magnetic spin property of protons of hydrogen to elicit images

HYDROGEN ATOM

- Body is composed of 70% H_2O
- MRI relies on the magnetic properties of a hydrogen atom to produce images



Hydrogen
Atom

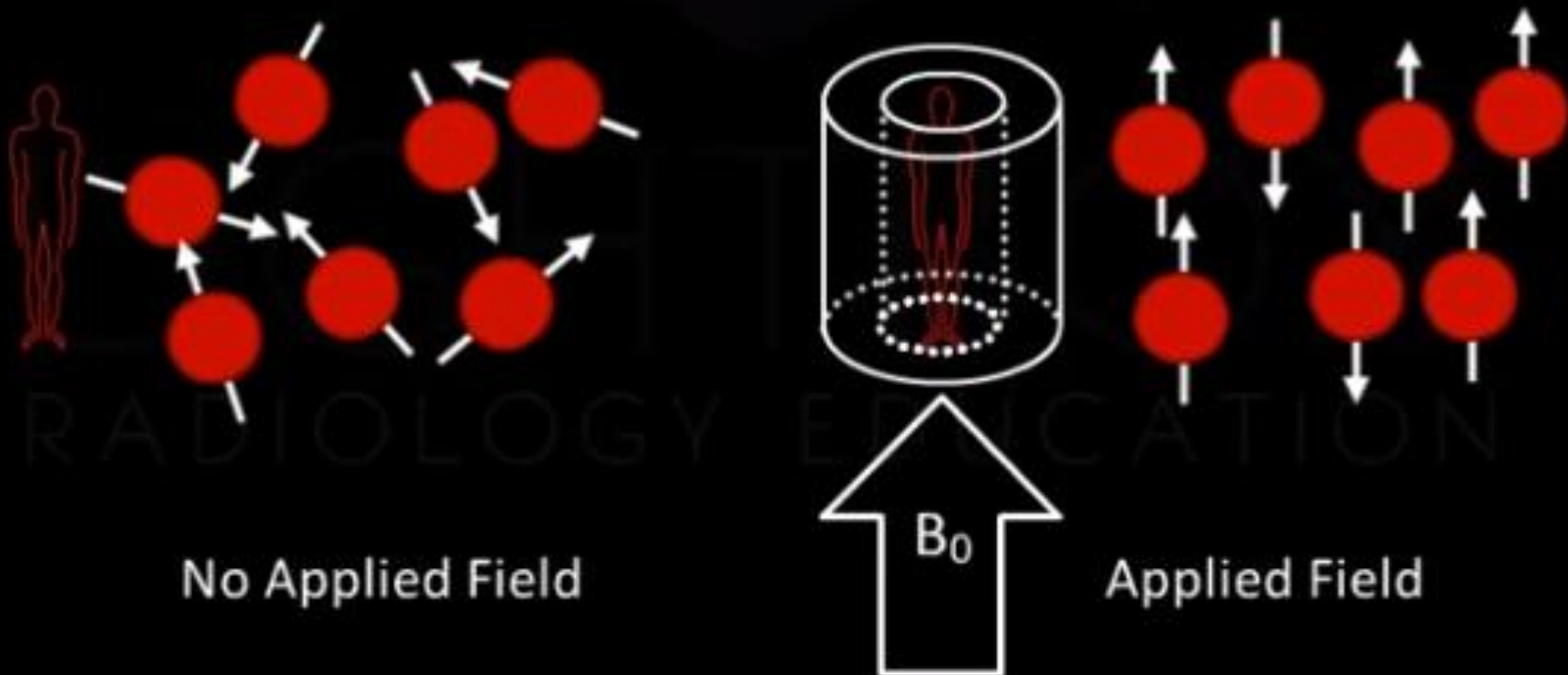
- H nucleus is composed of a single proton
- Spinning charged particle
- Produces a magnetic field = magnetic moment



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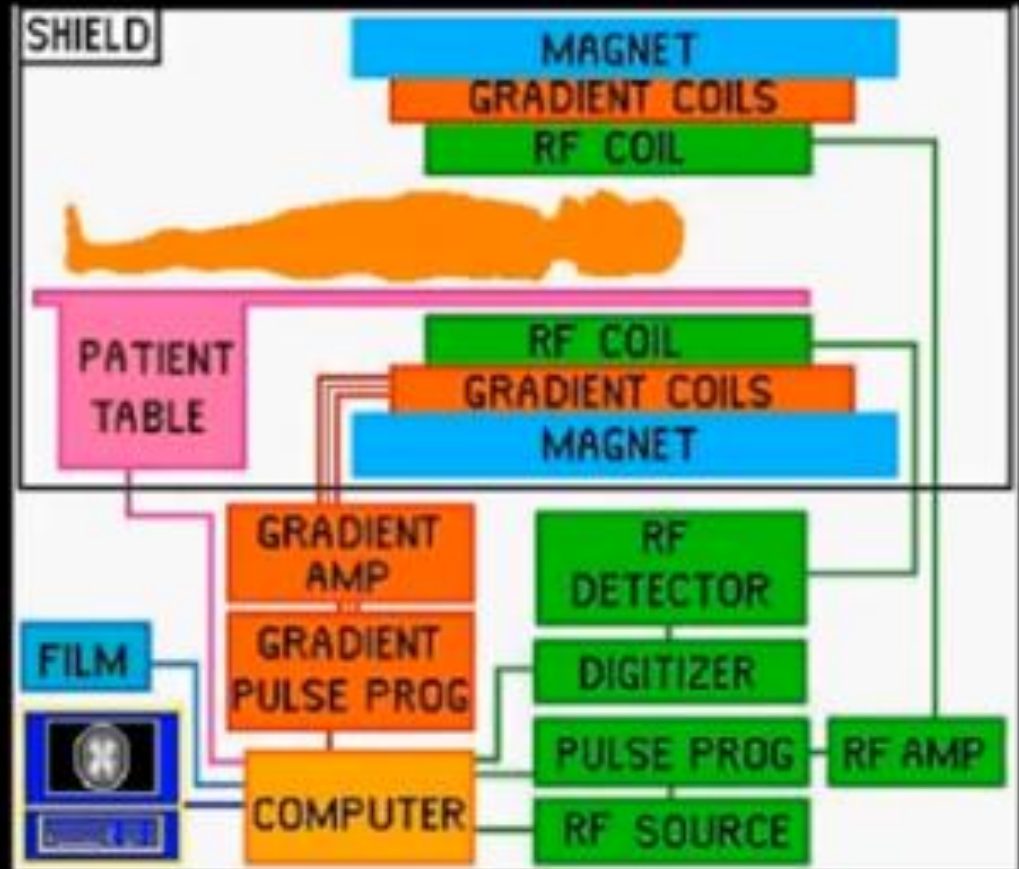
PRIMARY MAGNETIC FIELD

- Superconducting magnet
- Constant 1.5 - 3T
- Hydrogen atoms align parallel or antiparallel to the primary field (B_0) = longitudinal magnetisation

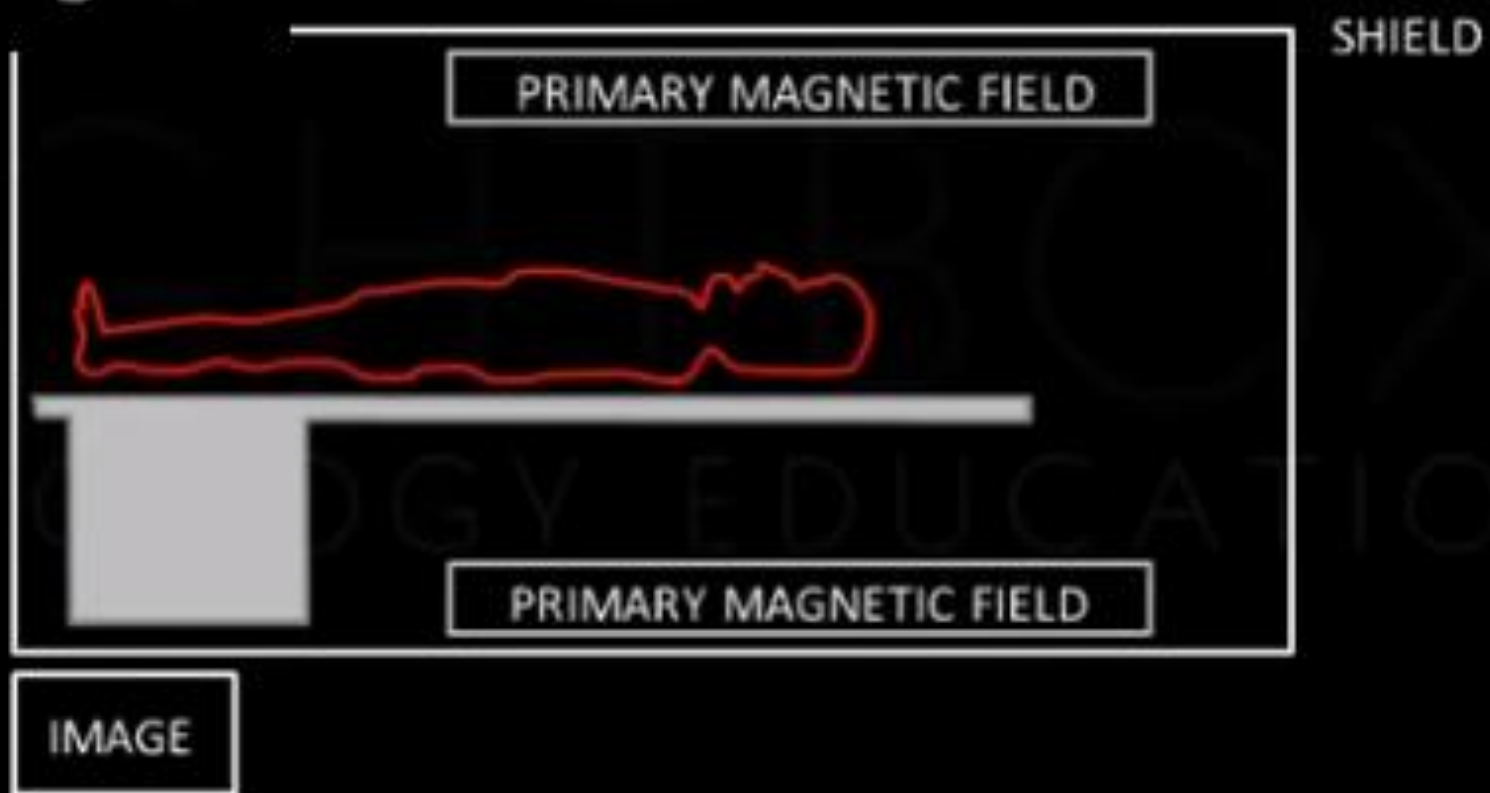


MRI Hardware

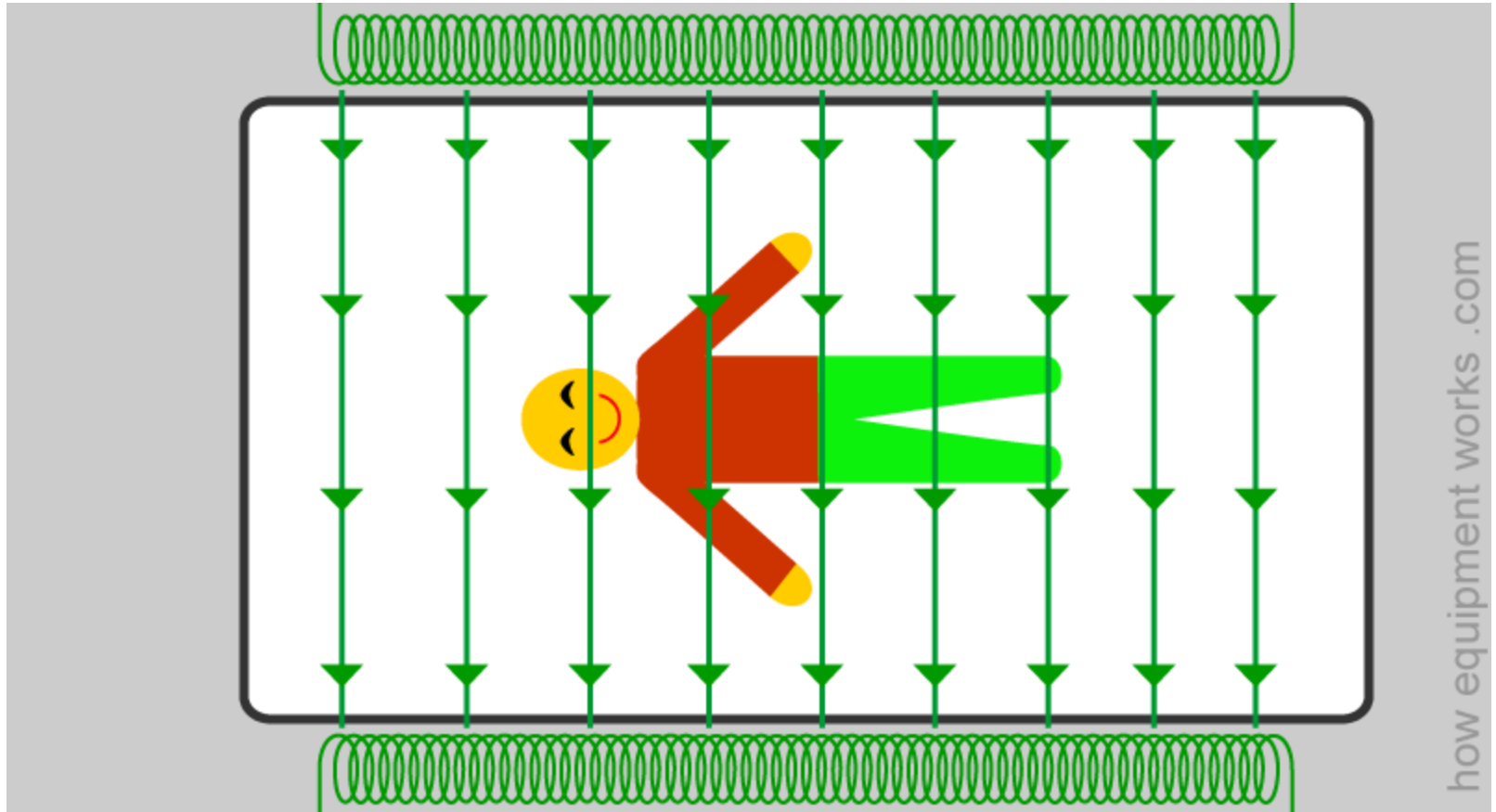
- Magnet 1.5T or 3.0T
- Radio Frequency Coil
- Gradient Coils
- Computer



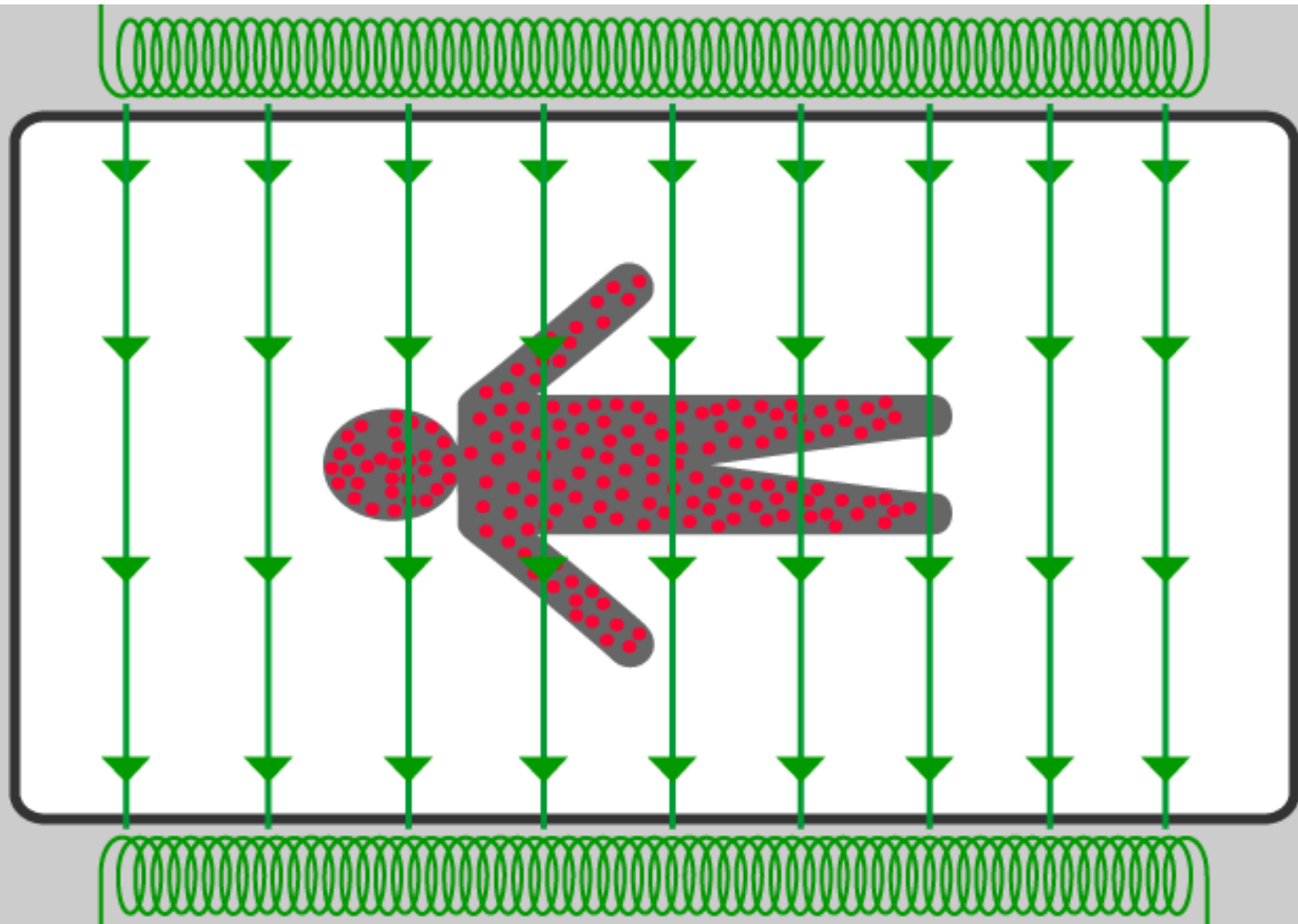
Primary magnet



We now put the patient into the magnetic field of the MRI machine.

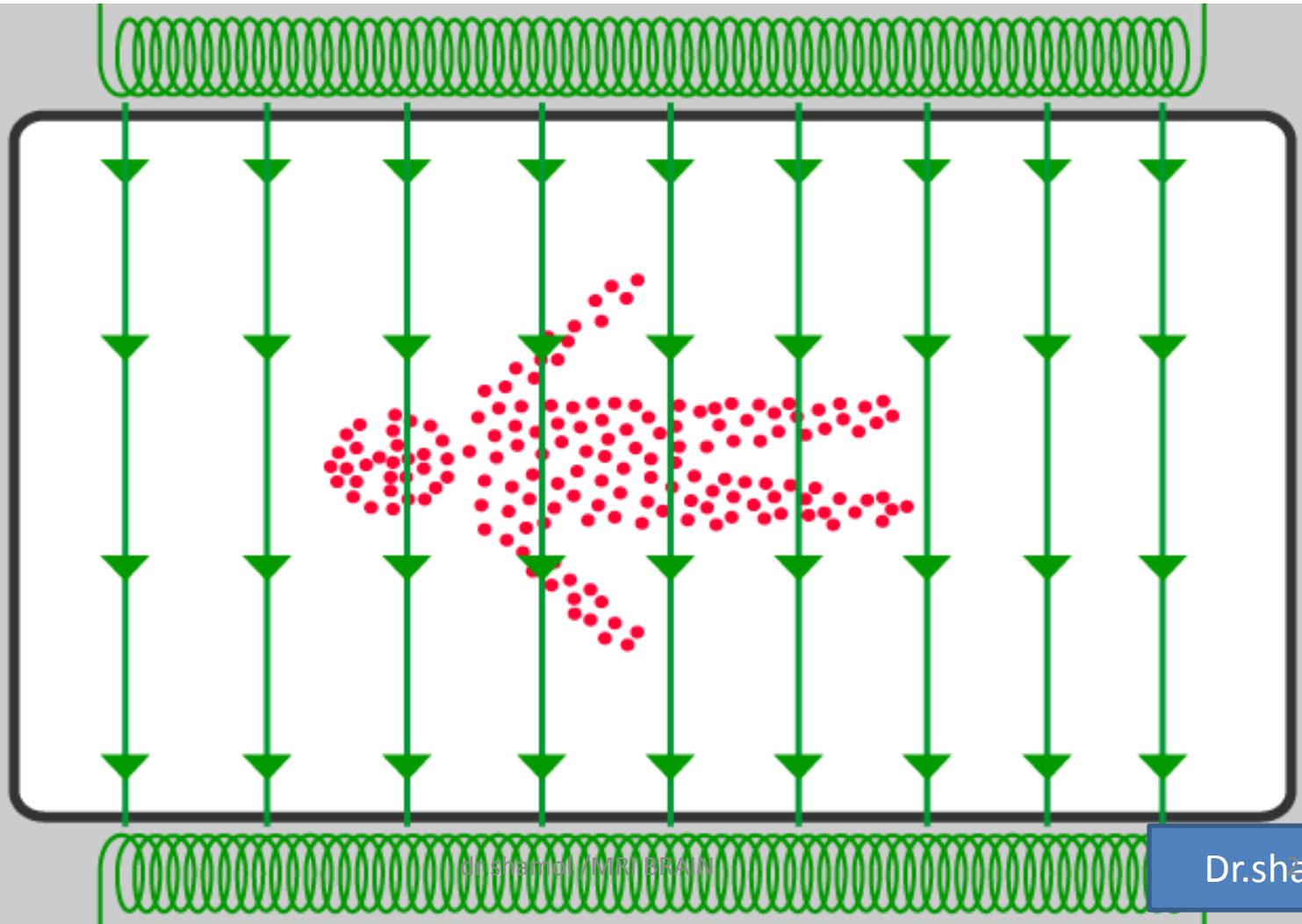


The patient, like all of us, has water molecules distributed all over. As described before, the water molecules have hydrogen nuclei, and this is what is of interest to the MRI machine.

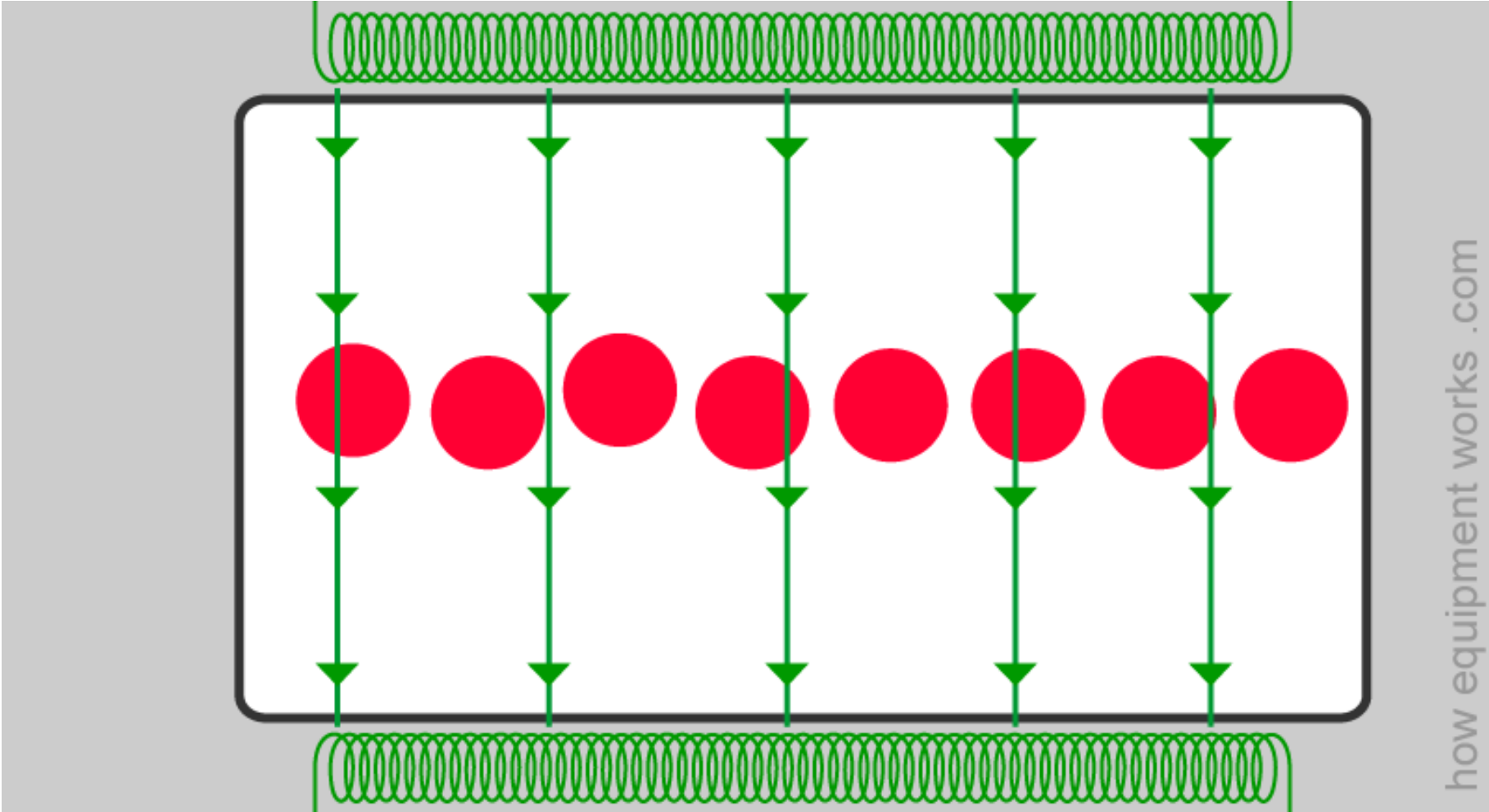


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To make the diagrams clearer . Instead Of patient,we will show the hydrogen nuclei that are inside him

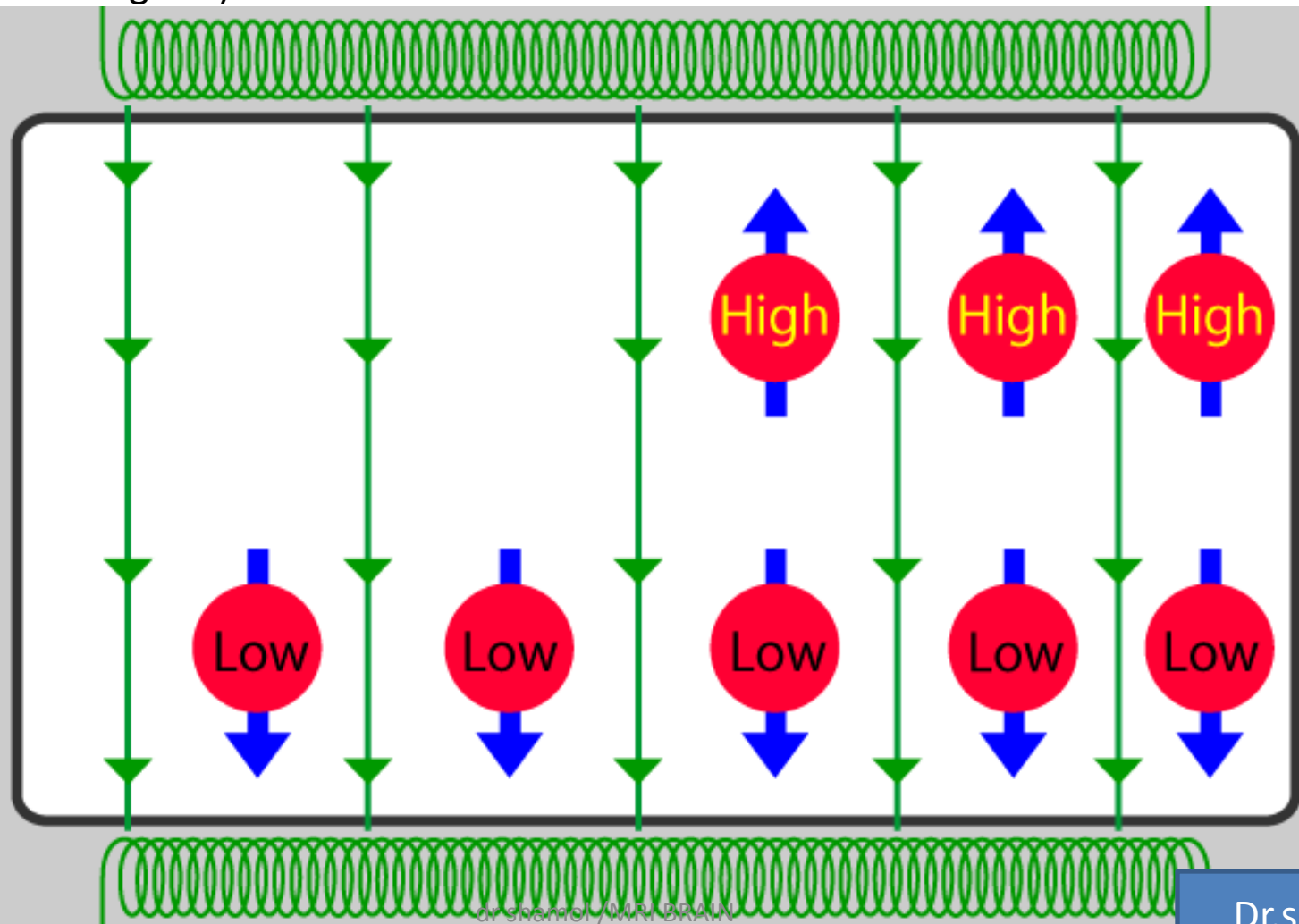


To further make the diagrams clearer we will showing a close up of only a few of the hydrogen nuclei

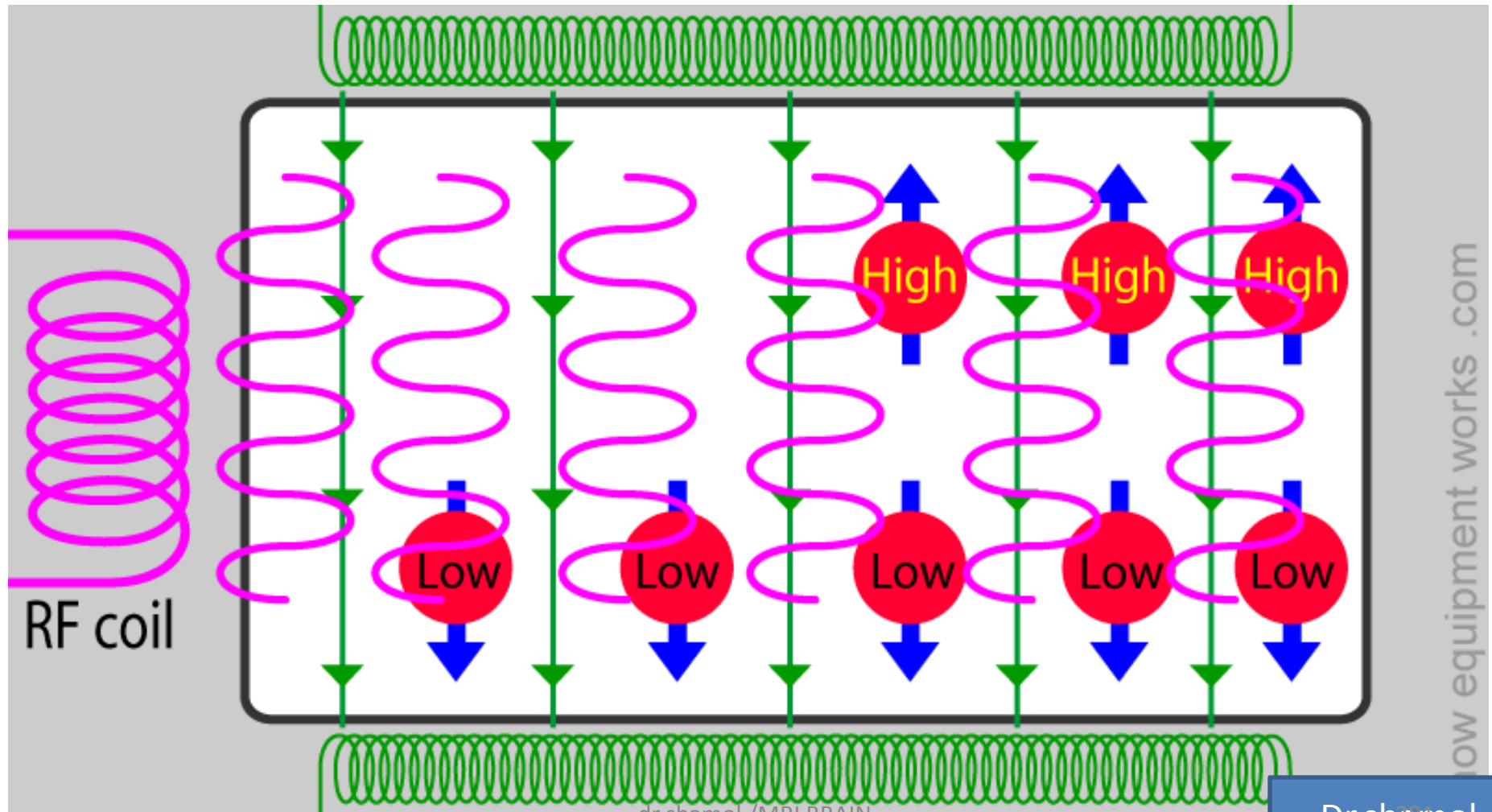


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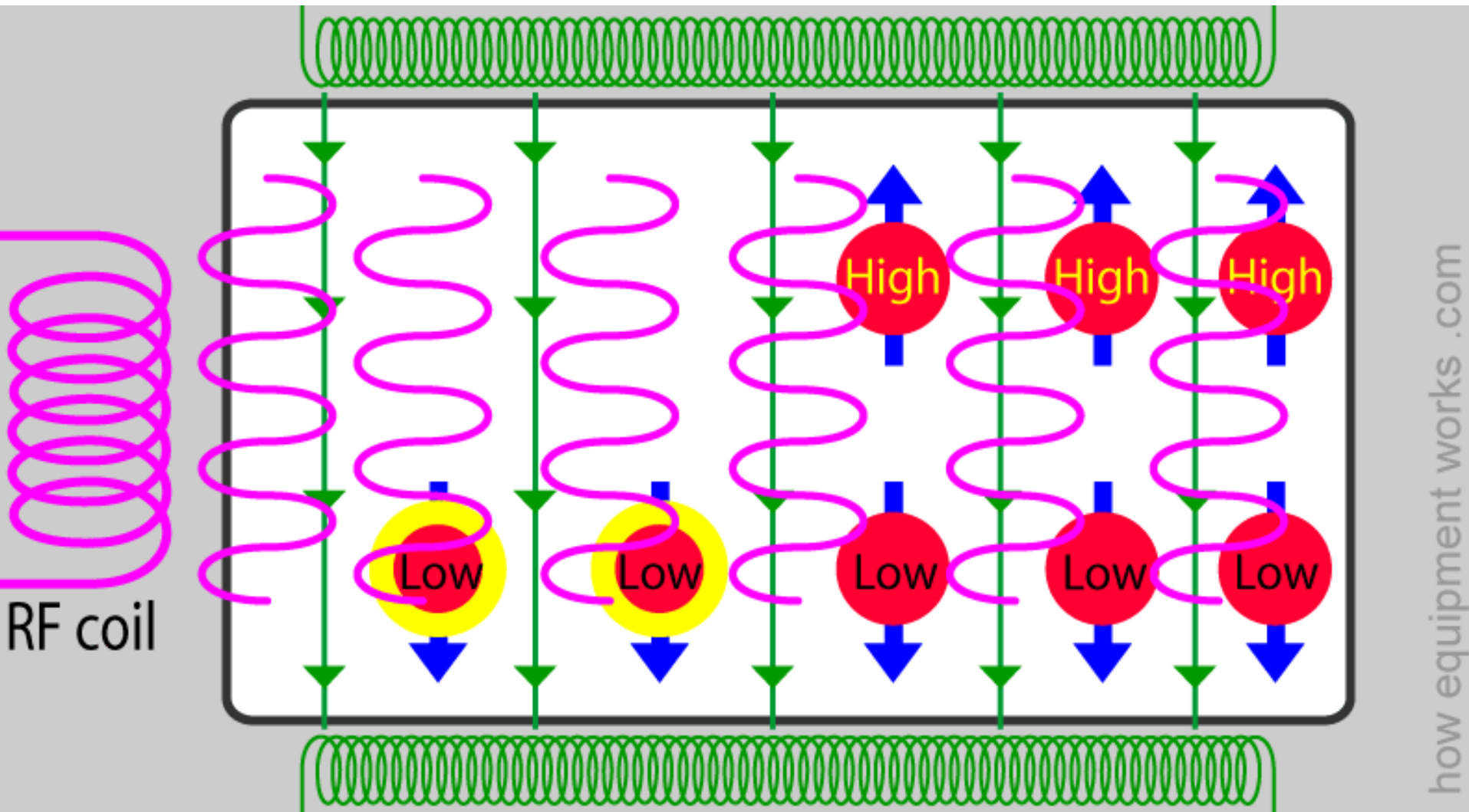
the magnetic field (green lines) are going from the top to the bottom. The strong magnetic field makes the spins (blue arrows) of the hydrogen nuclei line up along the magnetic field. Some of the hydrogen nuclei line up in the direction of the magnetic field (lower nuclei in diagram) and other hydrogen nuclei line up opposite to the direction of the magnetic field (upper nuclei in diagram).



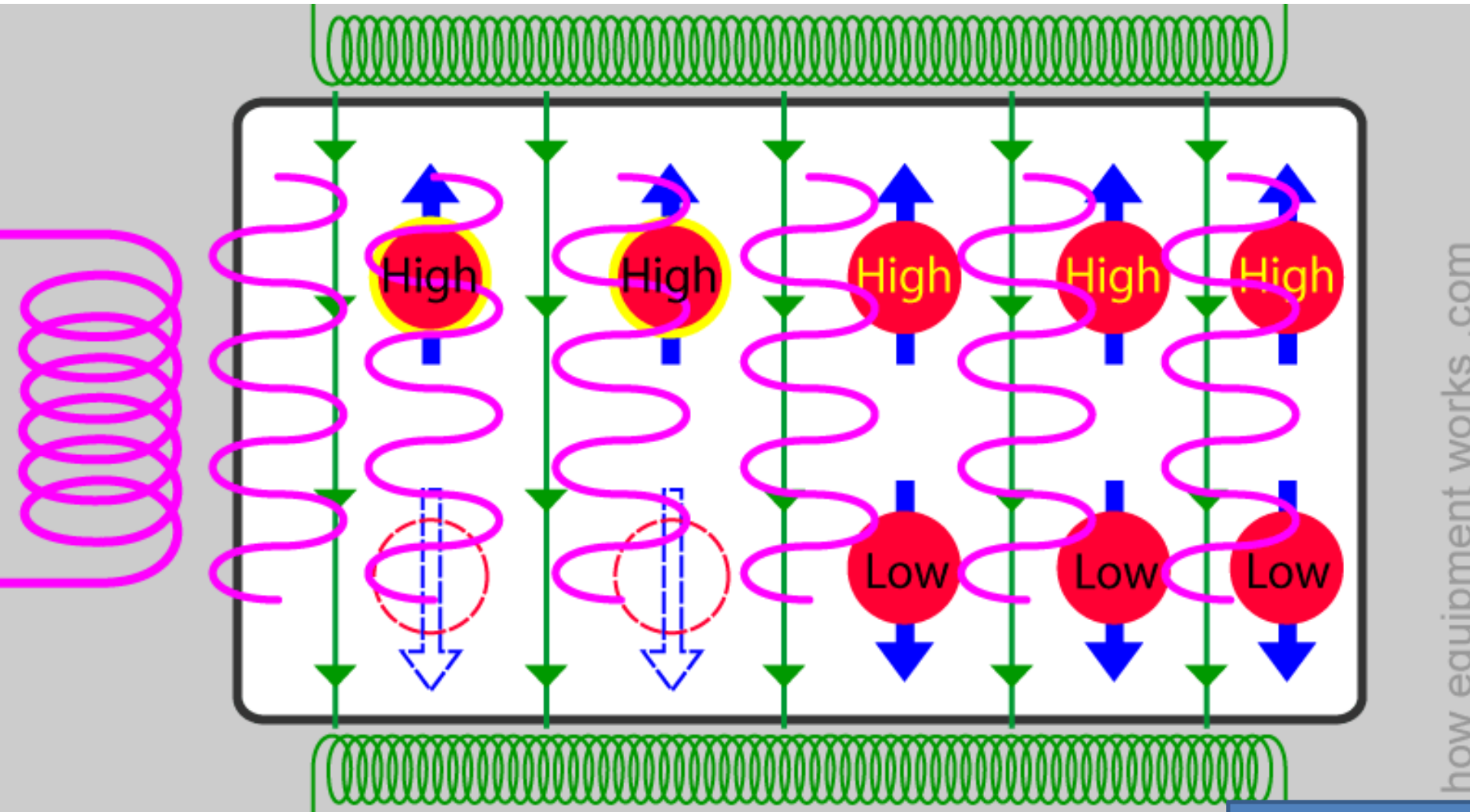
The MRI machine applies a current to this energy producing coil for a short period. During this period, the coil produces energy in the form of a rapidly changing magnetic field (pink waves in diagram below). The frequency (i.e. how often it changes in one second) of this changing field falls within the frequency range commonly used in radio broadcasts. Therefore this energy is often called “radio frequency” energy (RF energy) and the coil is often called an radio frequency coil (RF coil).



Now something fascinating happens to the hydrogen nuclei with low energy. These hydrogen nuclei with low energy absorb the energy sent from the RF coil.

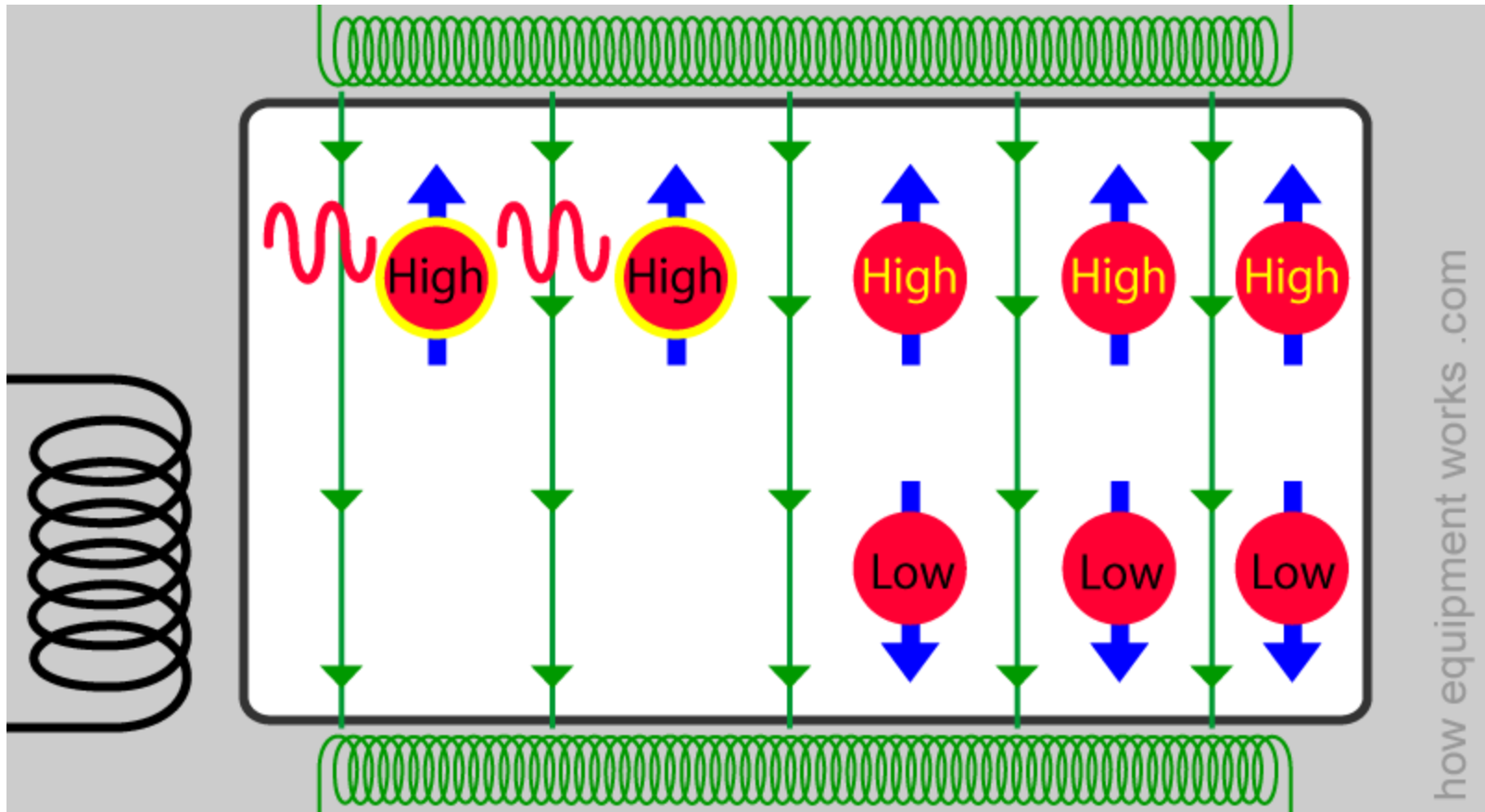


The absorption of RF energy changes the energy state of the low energy hydrogen nuclei. Once the low energy nuclei absorb the energy, they change their spin direction and become high energy nuclei.

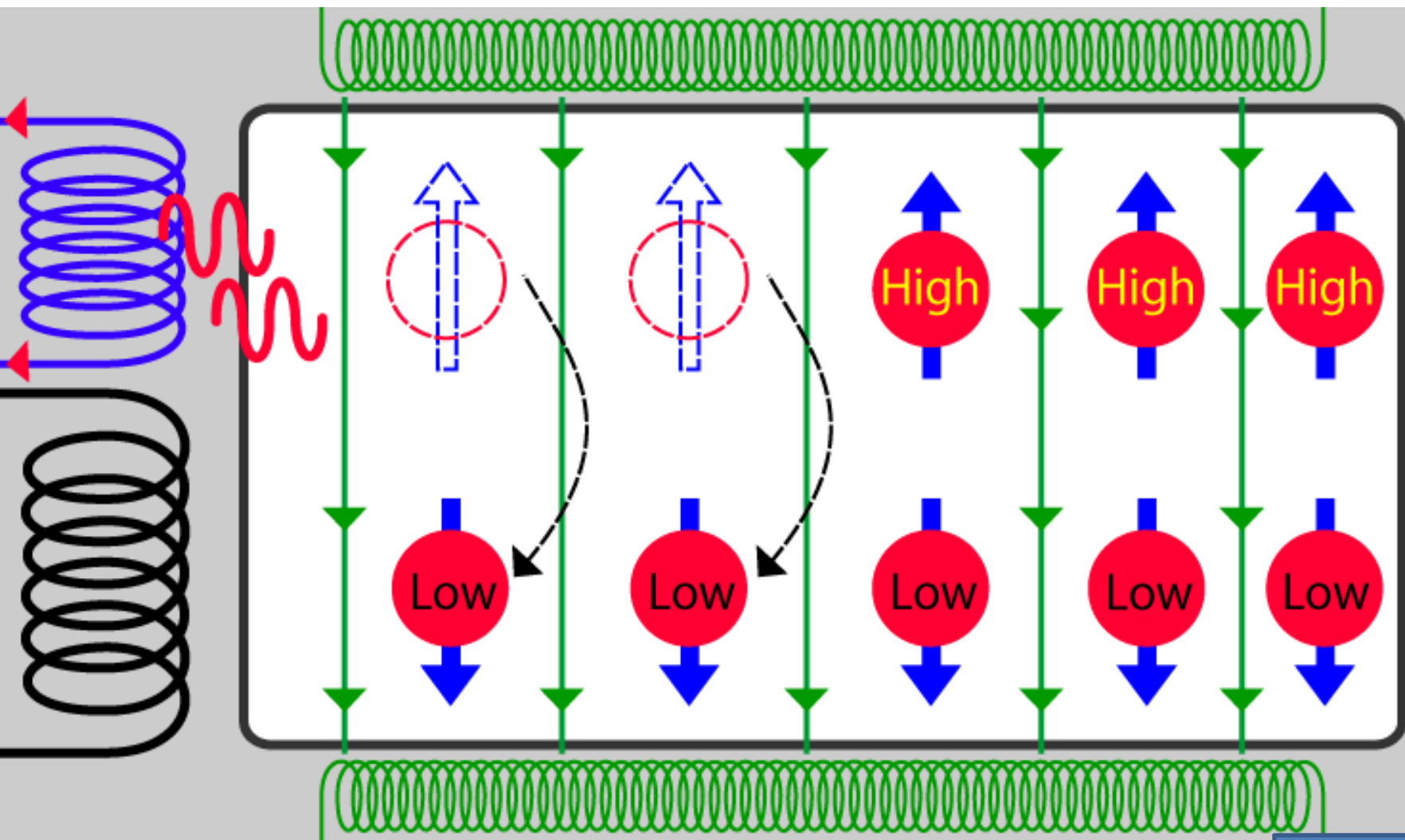


After a short period, the RF energy is stopped

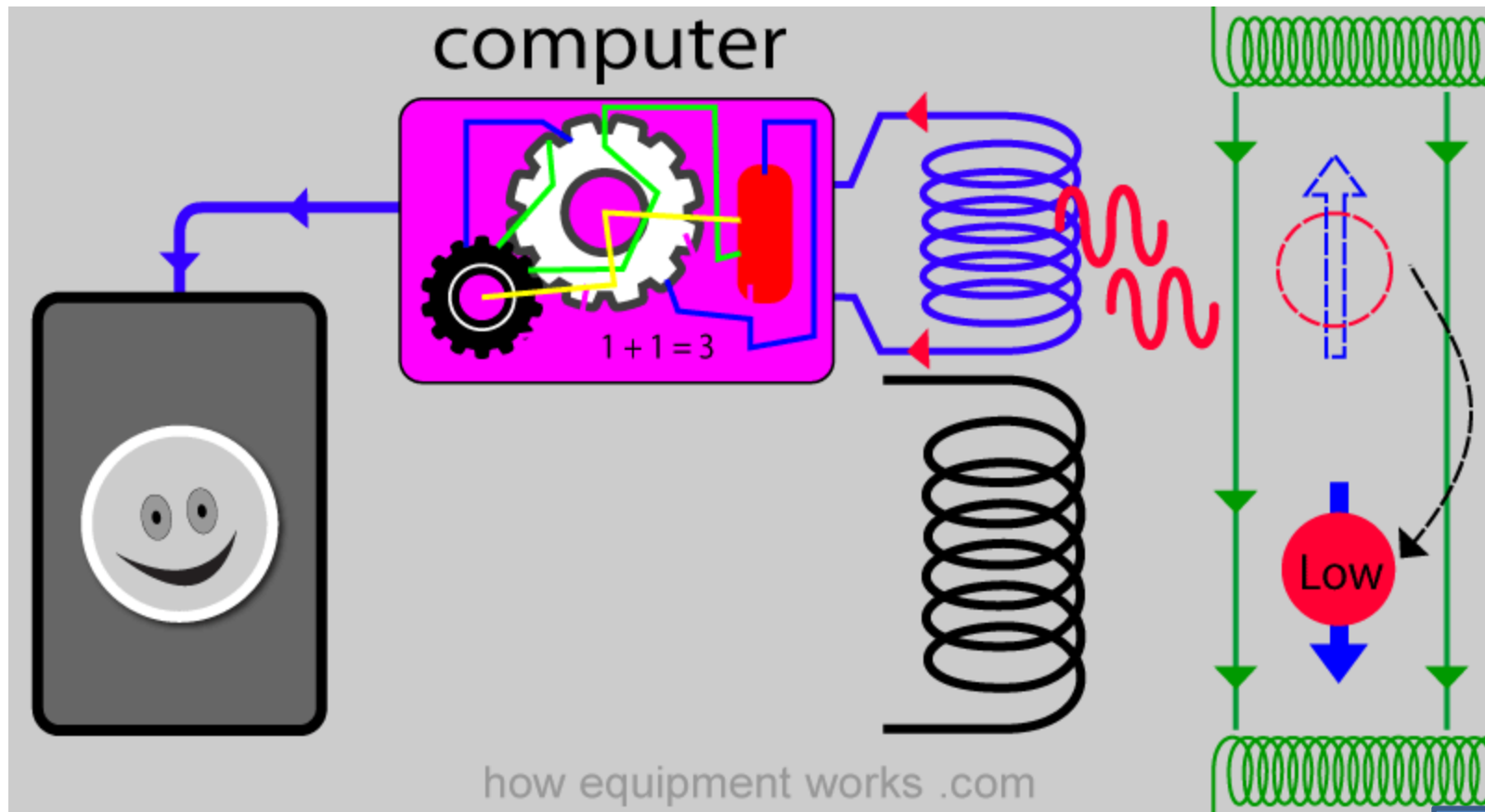
The hydrogen nuclei that recently became 'high energy' prefer to go back to their previous, 'low energy' state and they start releasing the energy that was given to them (i.e. the previously lazy nuclei want to be lazy again !). They release the energy in the form of waves, which in the diagram below, is shown in red.



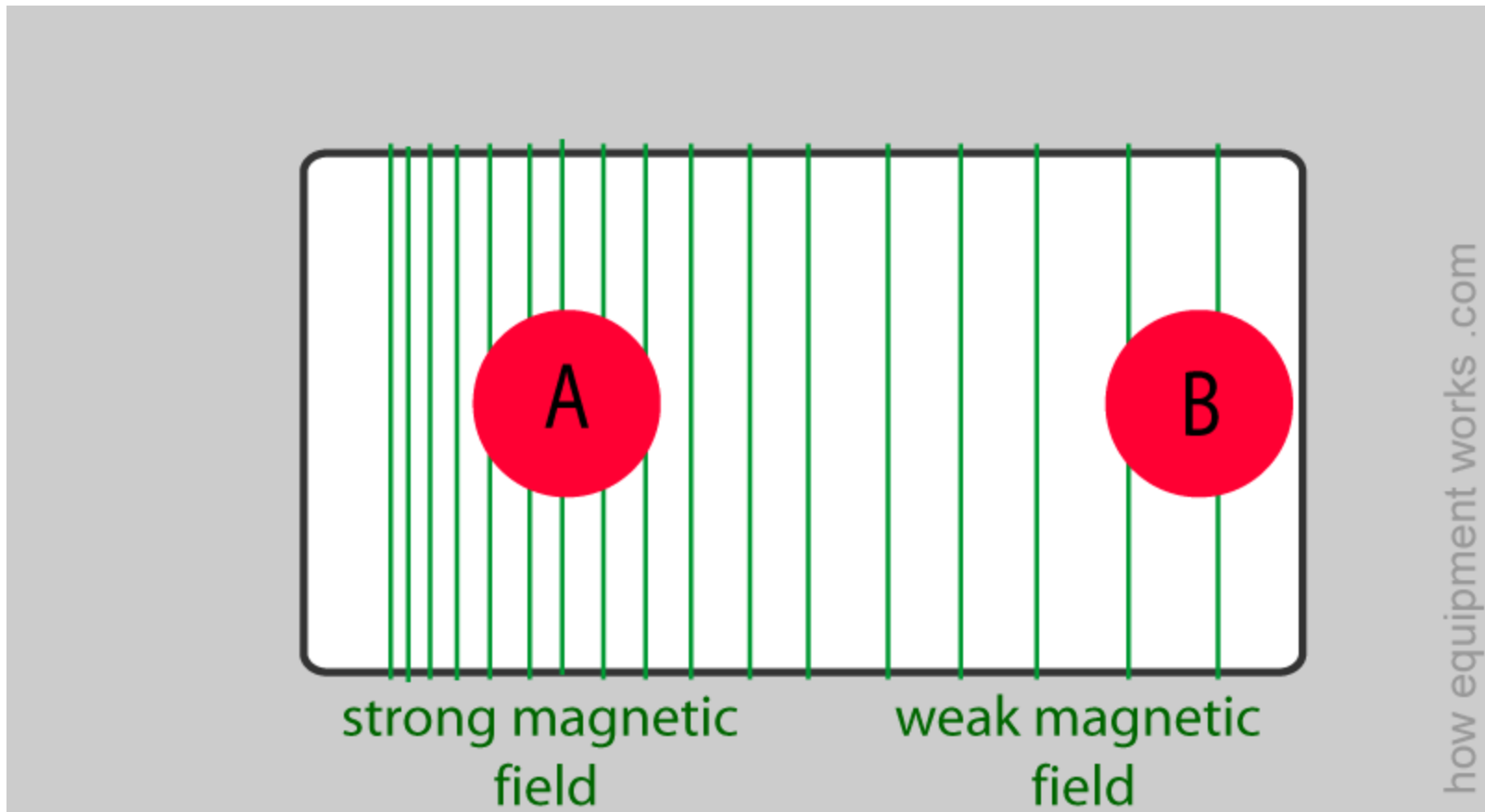
The MRI machine has “receiver coils ” (blue coil shown below) that receive the energy waves sent out by the nuclei. Having given up their energy, the nuclei change their spin direction and return to the low energy state that they were in before.



The computer processes all the information gathered to construct the high quality images. Of course, what have explained to you is a super simplified version of how actually things happen. The real MRI machine works in a much more sophisticated way,.

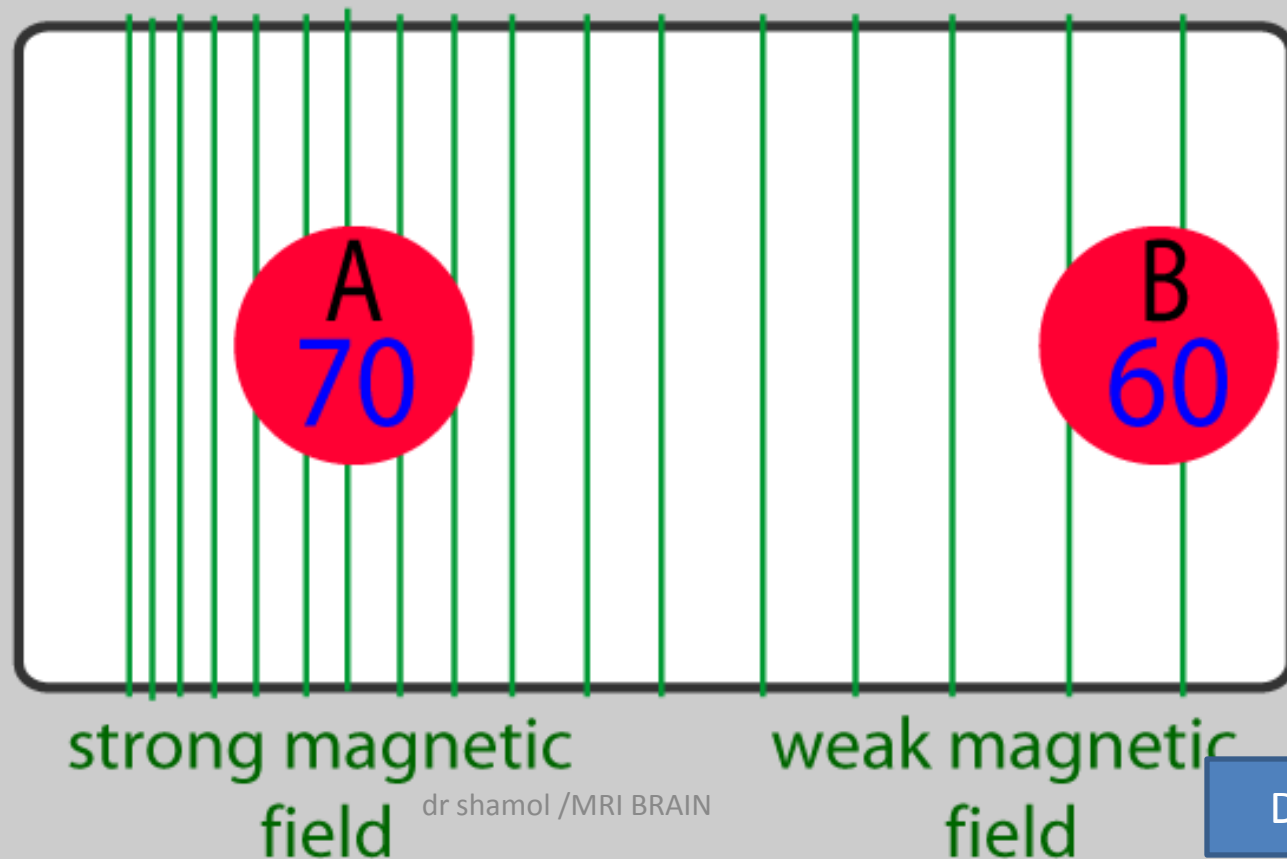


The resonant frequency of an hydrogen nucleus depends on the strength of the magnetic field in the area that it is located in. Higher the strength of the magnetic field, higher is the resonant frequency. Let me explain. Below are two hydrogen nuclei. The hydrogen nucleus 'A' is in a stronger magnetic field (represented below with more magnetic field lines) while nucleus 'B' is in a weaker magnetic field.

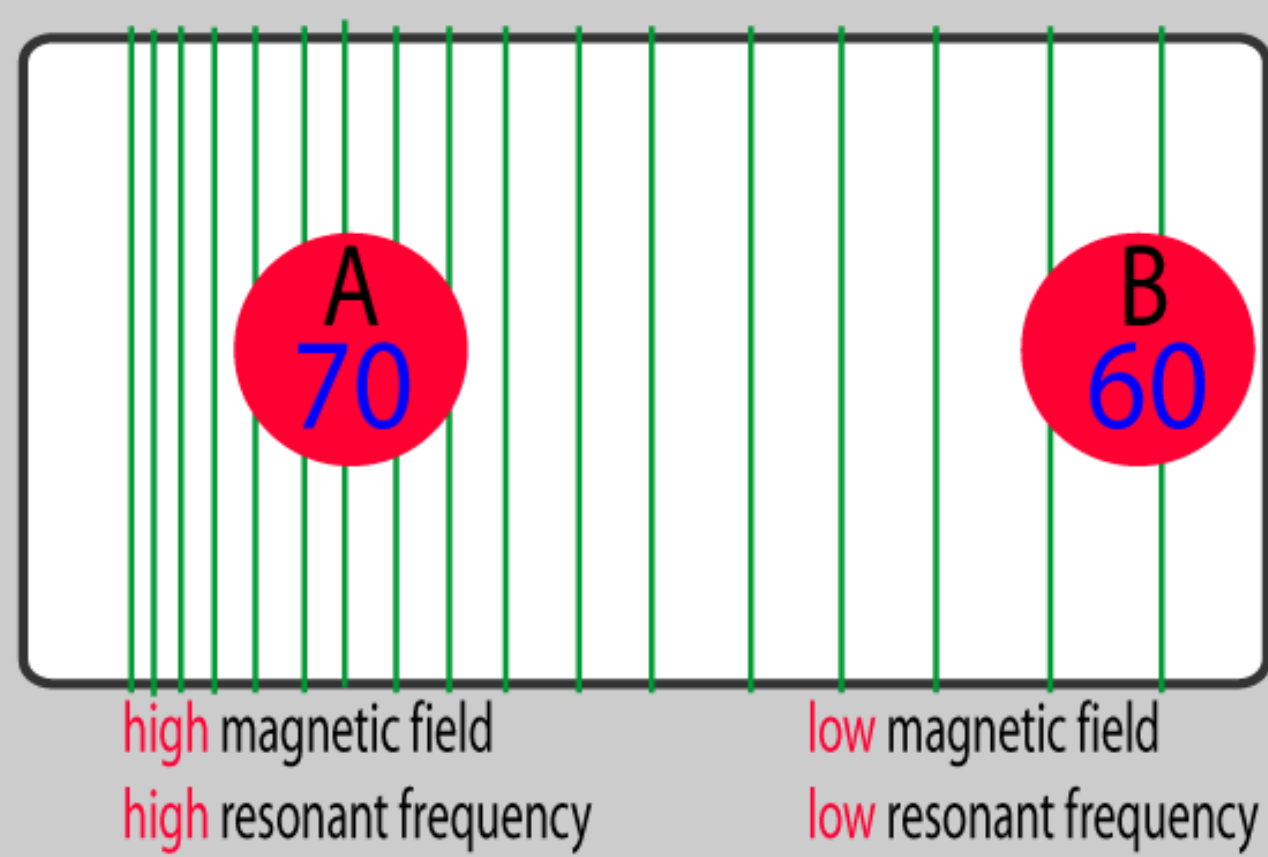


The hydrogen nucleus 'A' is in a stronger magnetic field and therefore has an higher resonant frequency. Just as an example, let us say nucleus 'A' has a resonant frequency of 70 MHz (MHz = mega hertz = millions of cycles per second). I have chosen this number just as an example. The actual values found in MRI scanners will be different.

Hydrogen nucleus 'B' is in a weaker magnetic field. Therefore its resonant frequency is lower. For explanation purposes, let us say that it is 60 MHz.

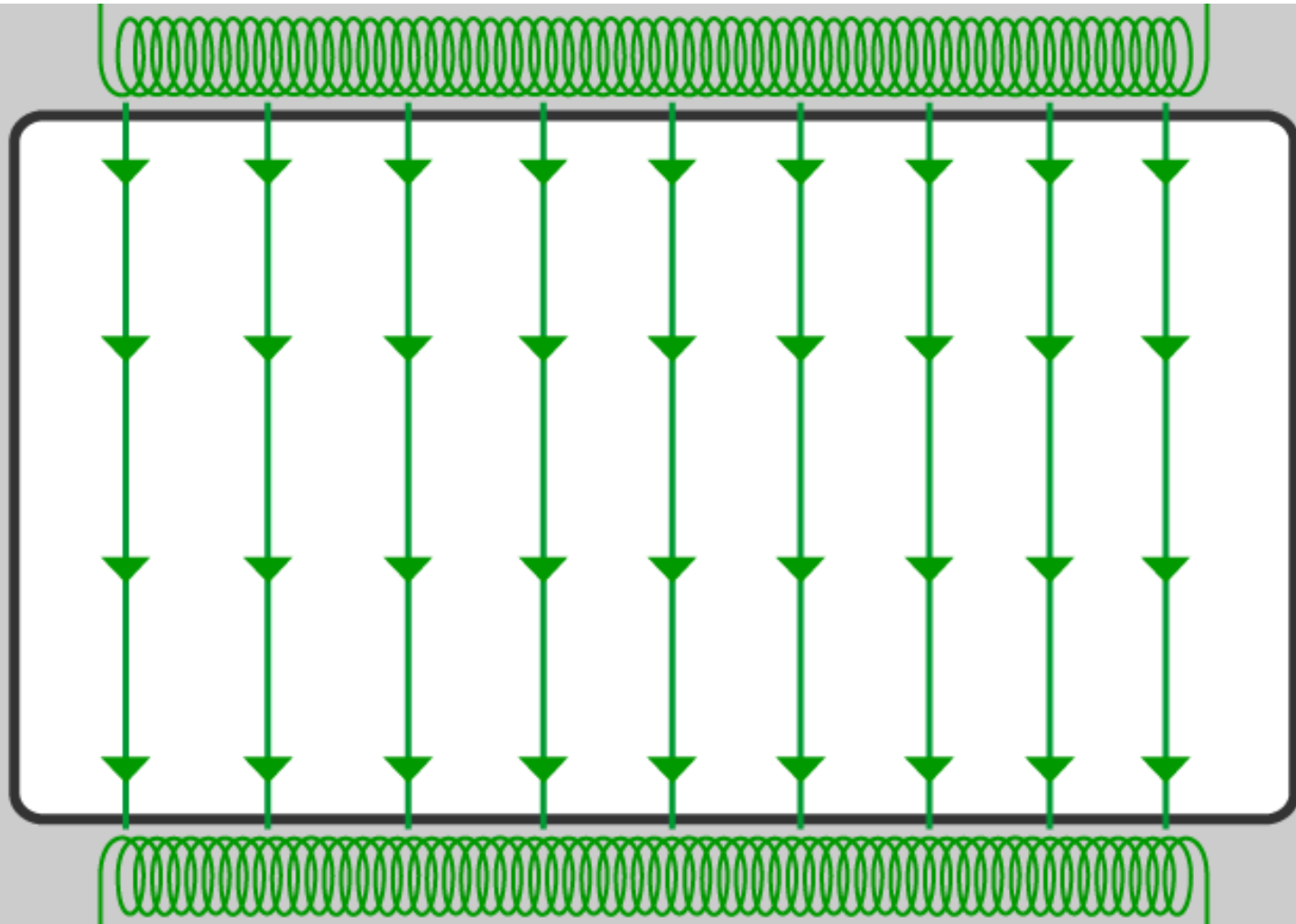


As will be explained to you shortly, this relationship between the magnetic field strength and resonant frequency enables the MRI machine to scan a section of the body at a time.



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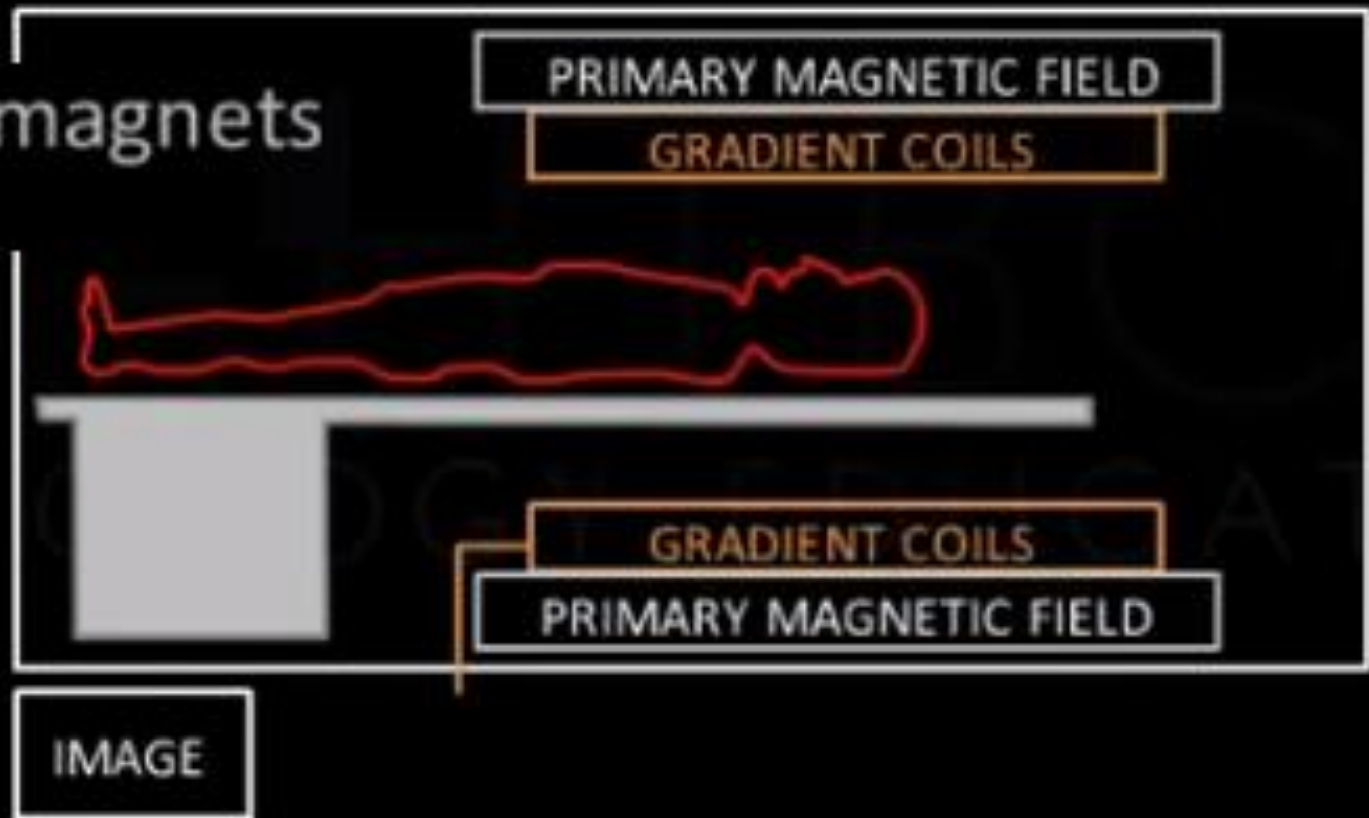
As mentioned before, there is a strong main magnetic field in the MRI machine. This main magnetic field is uniform throughout. i.e. the strength of the magnetic field is equally strong everywhere.



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Gradient coil generate secondary magnetic field over primary magnetic field

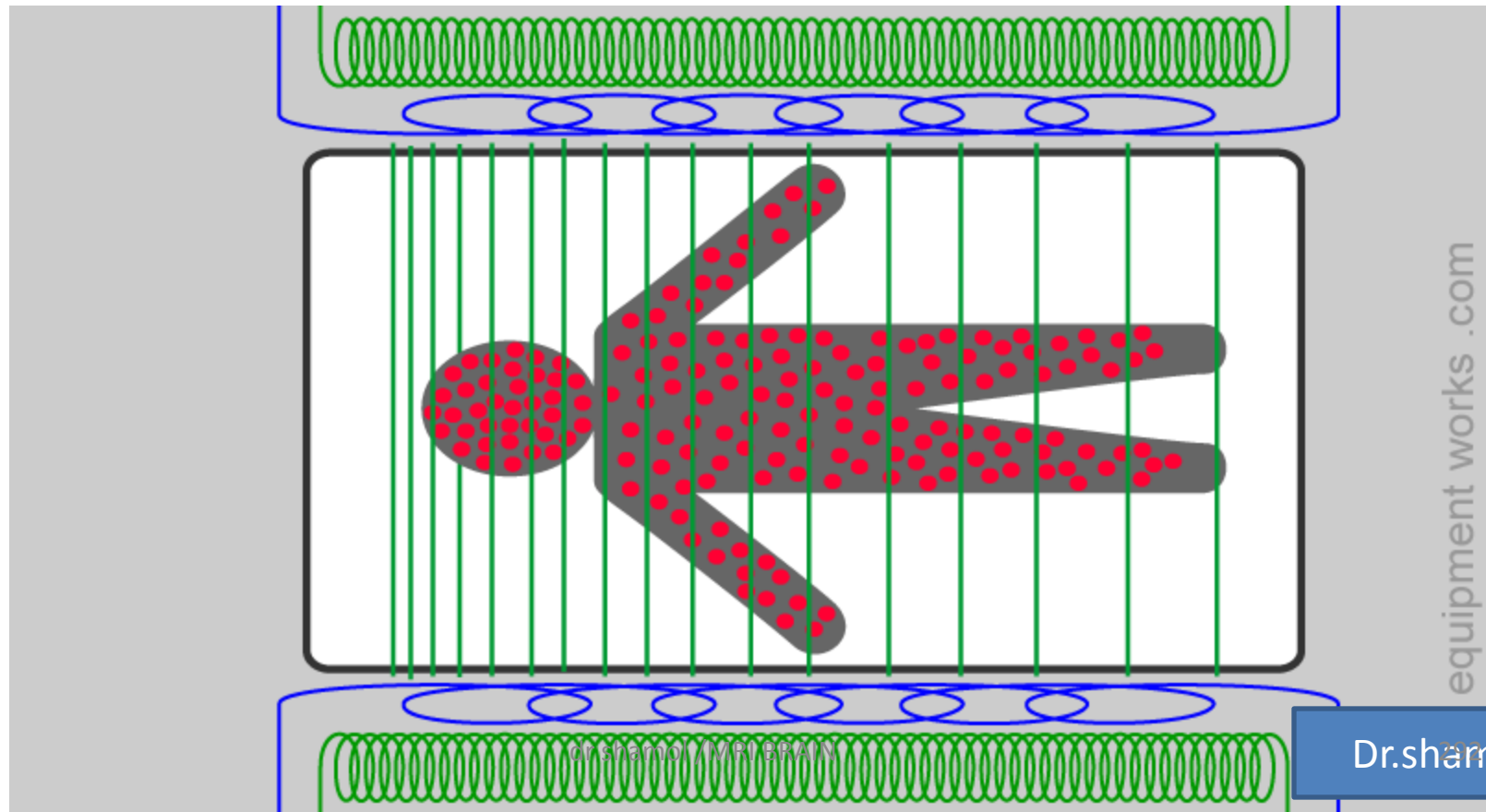
Gradient magnets



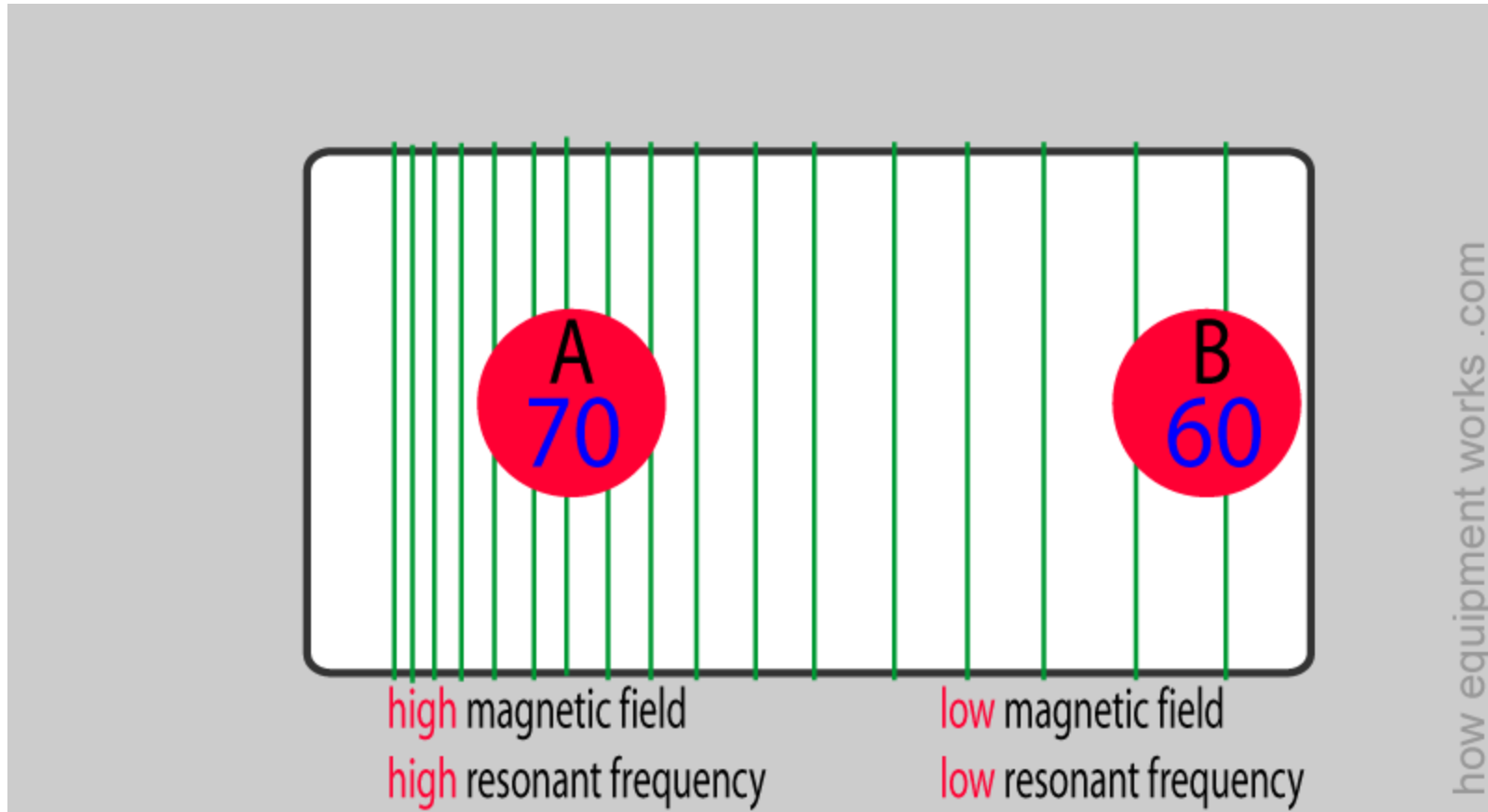
SHIELD

There are special coils shown in blue in the diagram below that alter the main magnetic field. These coils, 'modify' the magnetic field produced by the main magnetic coil (green coil) so as to make one end of the patient have a stronger magnetic field and the other end have a weaker magnetic field.

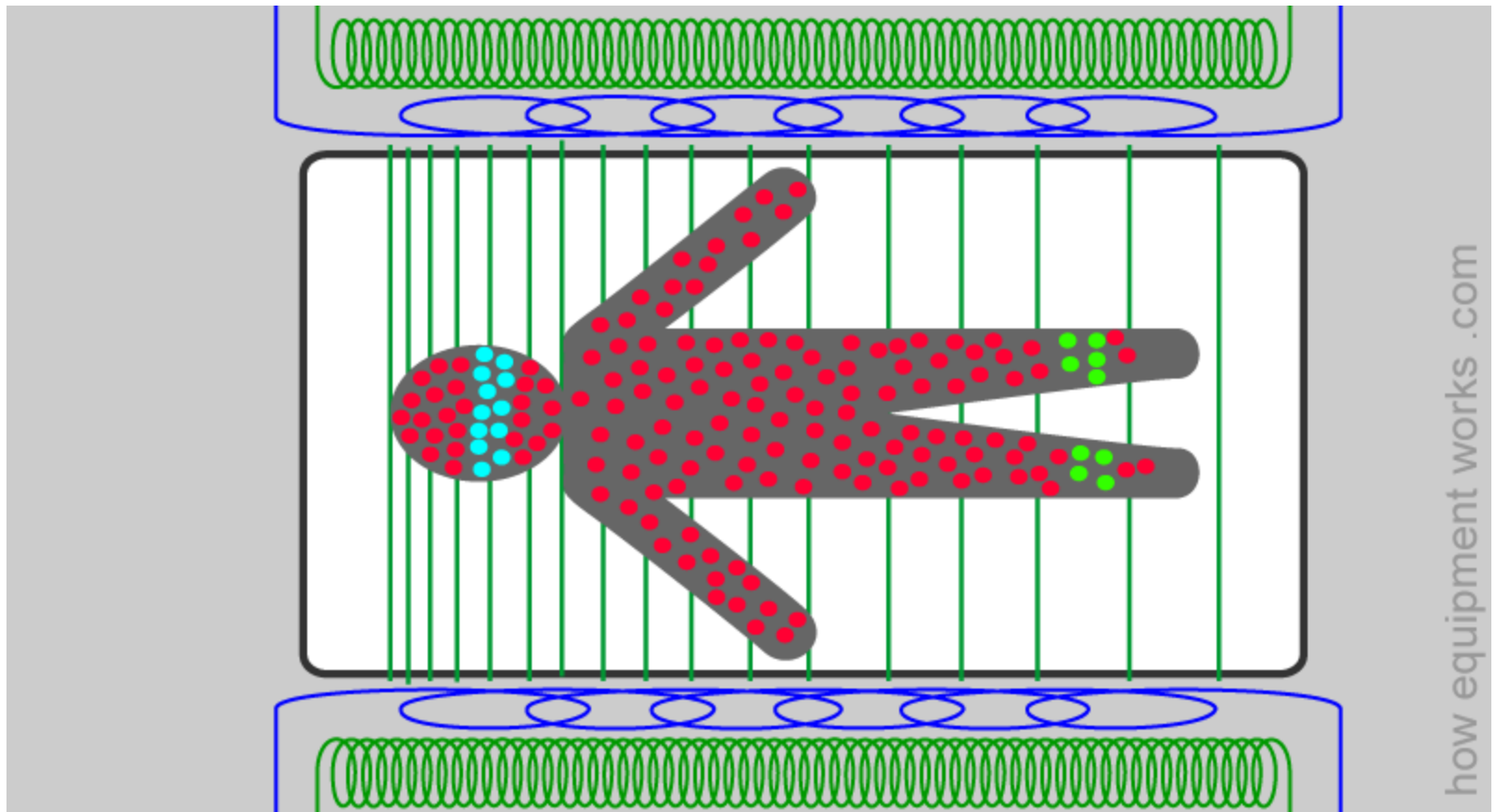
In the example shown below, as we go from the patients head towards his feet, the main magnetic field becomes weaker. We would now say that there is a 'magnetic gradient' along the patient. The coils that modify the main magnetic field are called "**gradient coils**". How these magnetic field gradients are created is fascinating but I will explain that later.



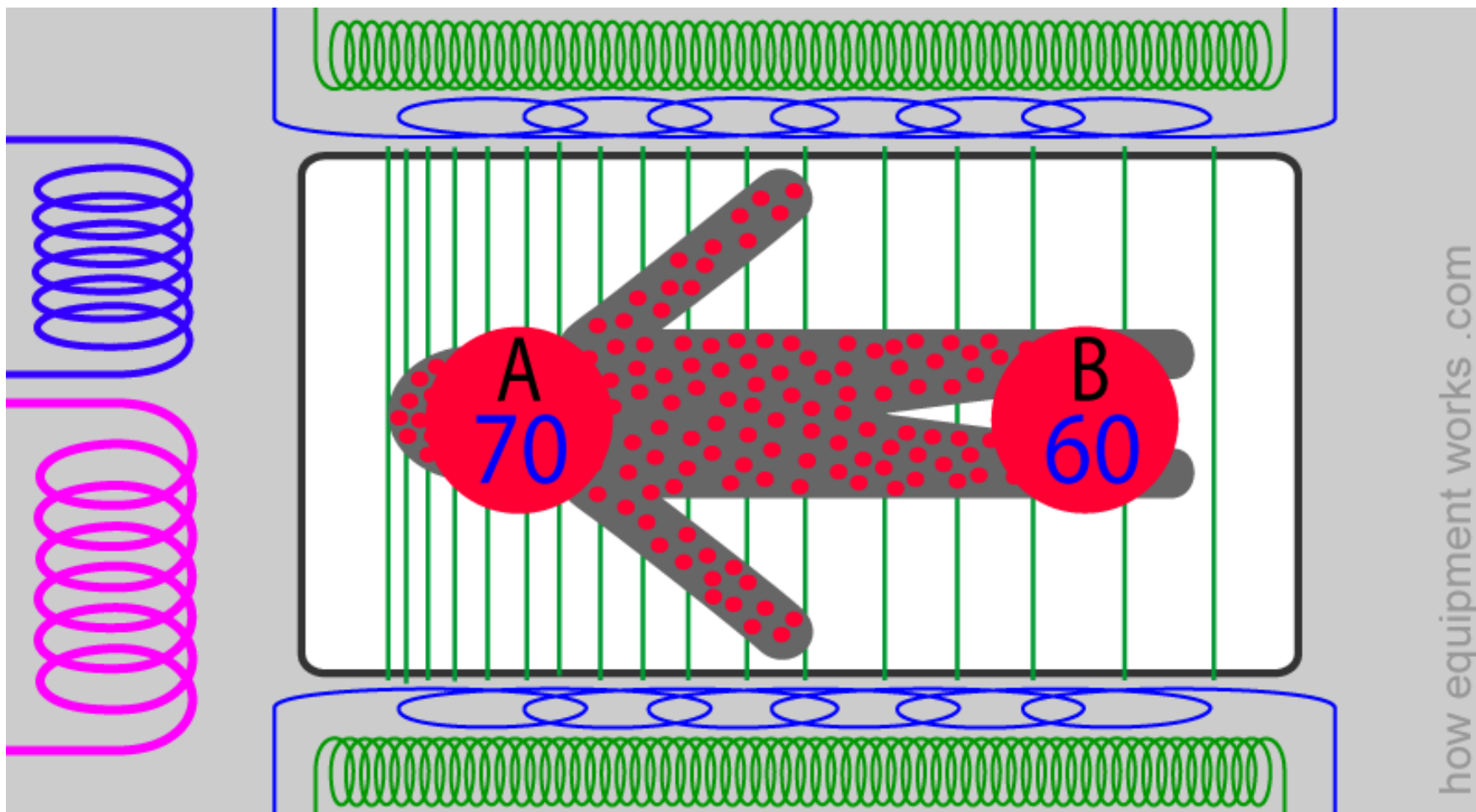
Now you will recall that the resonant frequency of an hydrogen nucleus depends on the strength of the magnetic field in the area that it is located in.



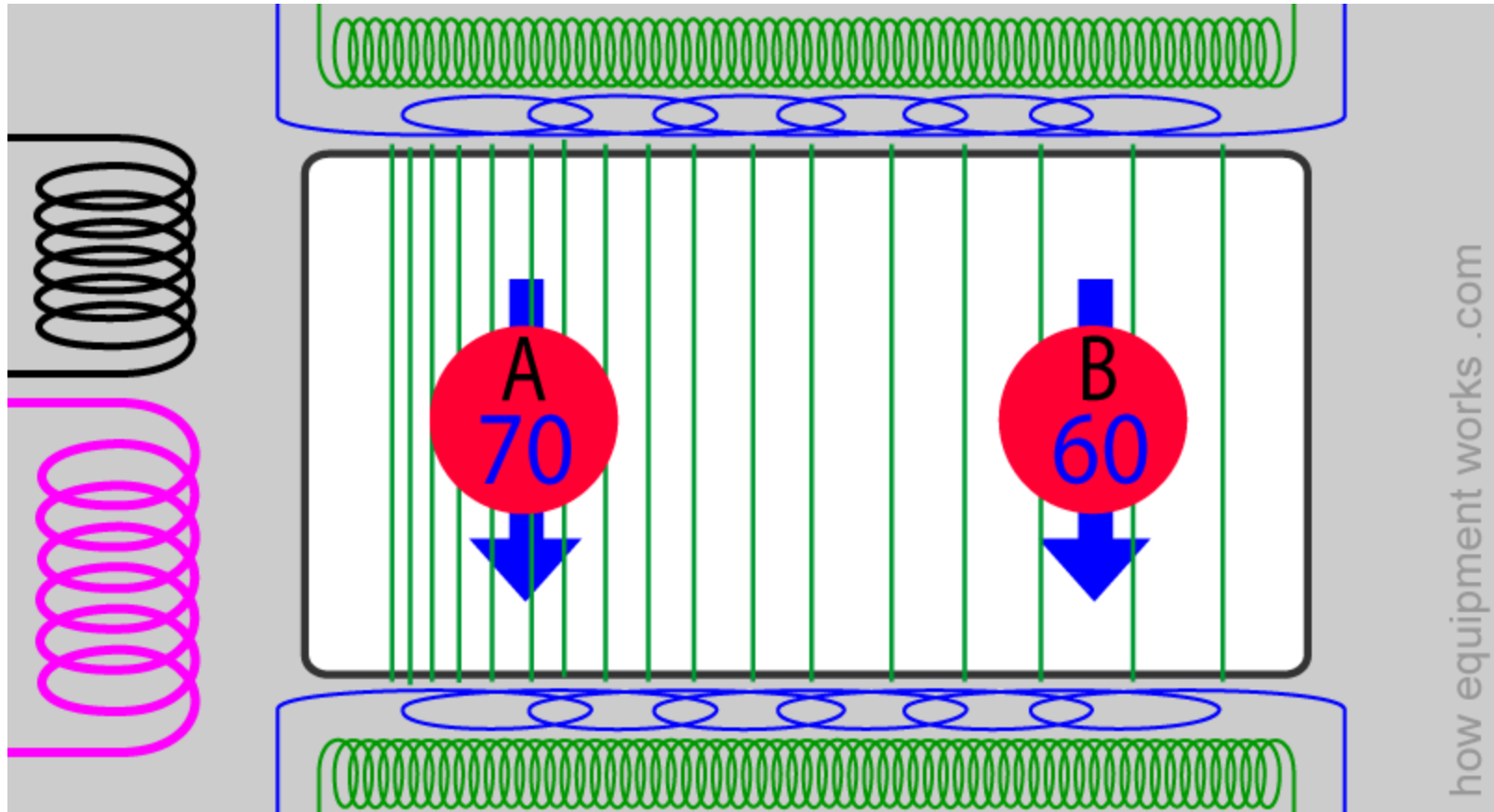
As you have seen before, the gradient coils make the main magnetic field have a gradient : stronger at one end and weaker at the other end. This means that, from the head of the patient to the foot of the patient, the hydrogen nuclei are exposed to different strengths of the magnetic field. At the head of the patient, for an example, the hydrogen nuclei (blue) are exposed to an high magnetic field, and therefore have an high resonant frequency. On the other hand, at the foot of the patient, the hydrogen nuclei (green) are exposed to a low magnetic field and therefore have a lower resonant frequency



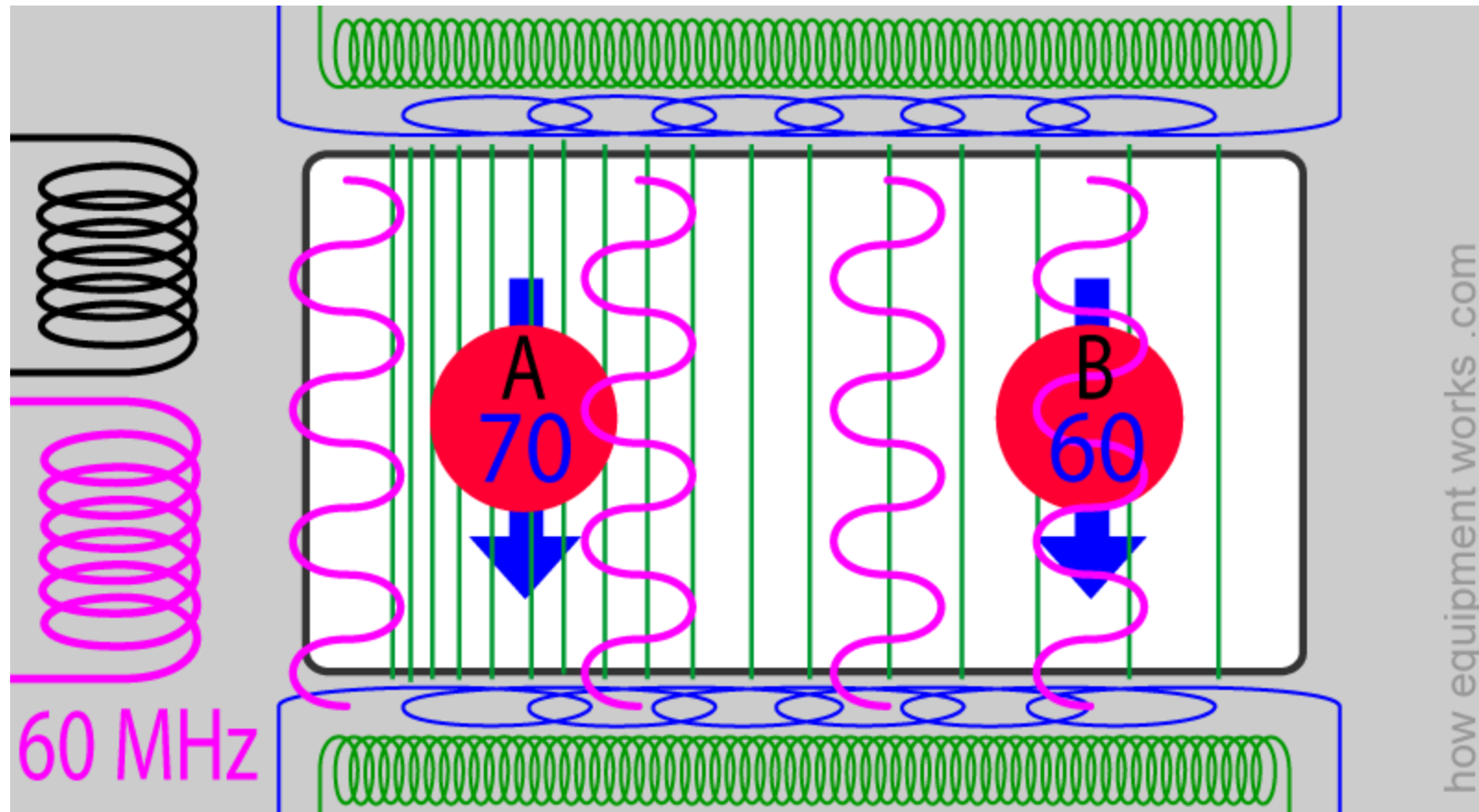
Let us magnify, for clarity, one hydrogen nucleus from the head end (A) and one from the foot end (B). As explained, nucleus A is in a stronger magnetic field and therefore has a high resonant frequency (e.g. 70 MHz). Nucleus B is in a weaker field and therefore has a lower resonant frequency (e.g. 60 MHz).



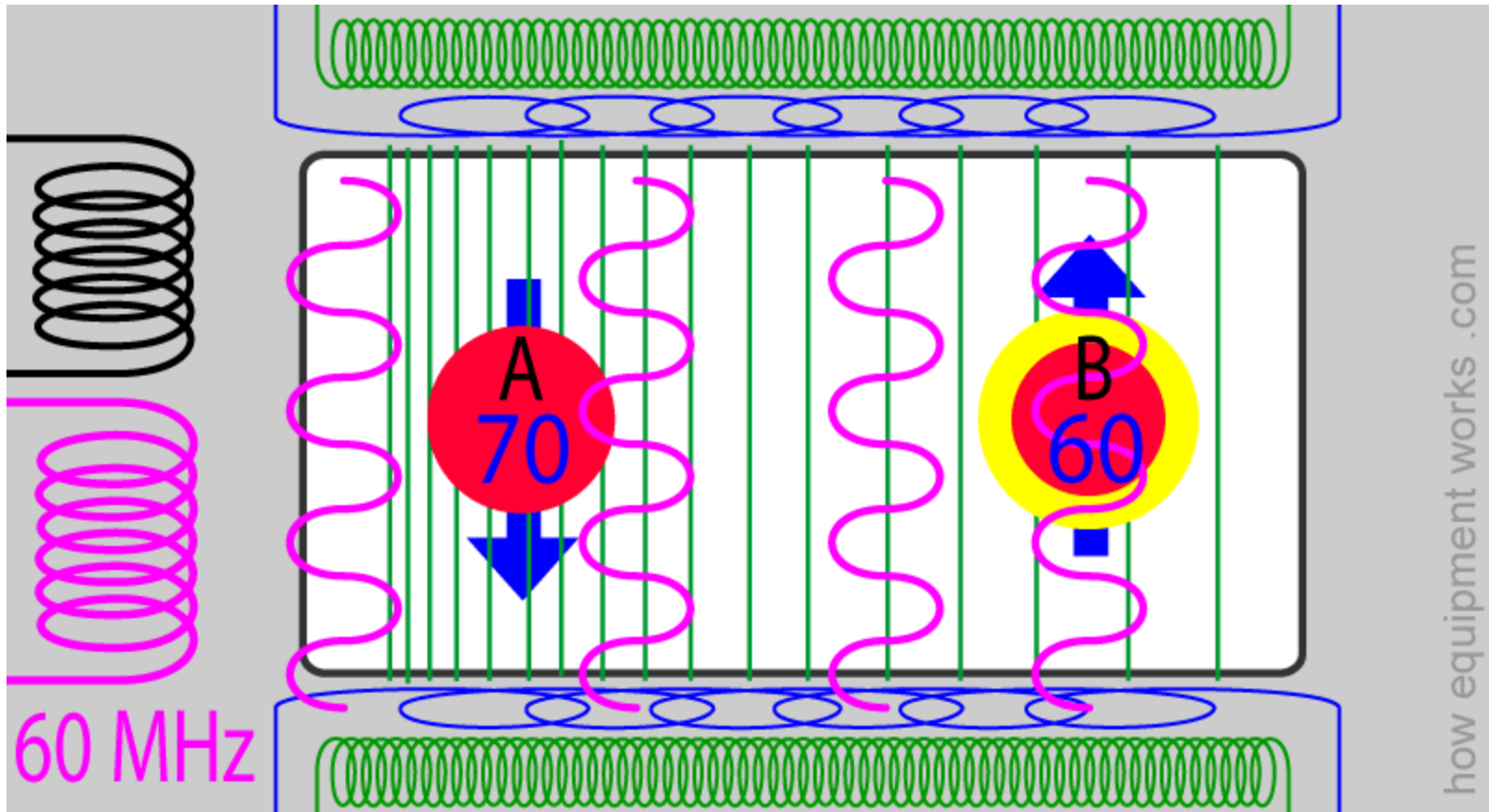
Let us get rid of the patient diagram to make things less cluttered.



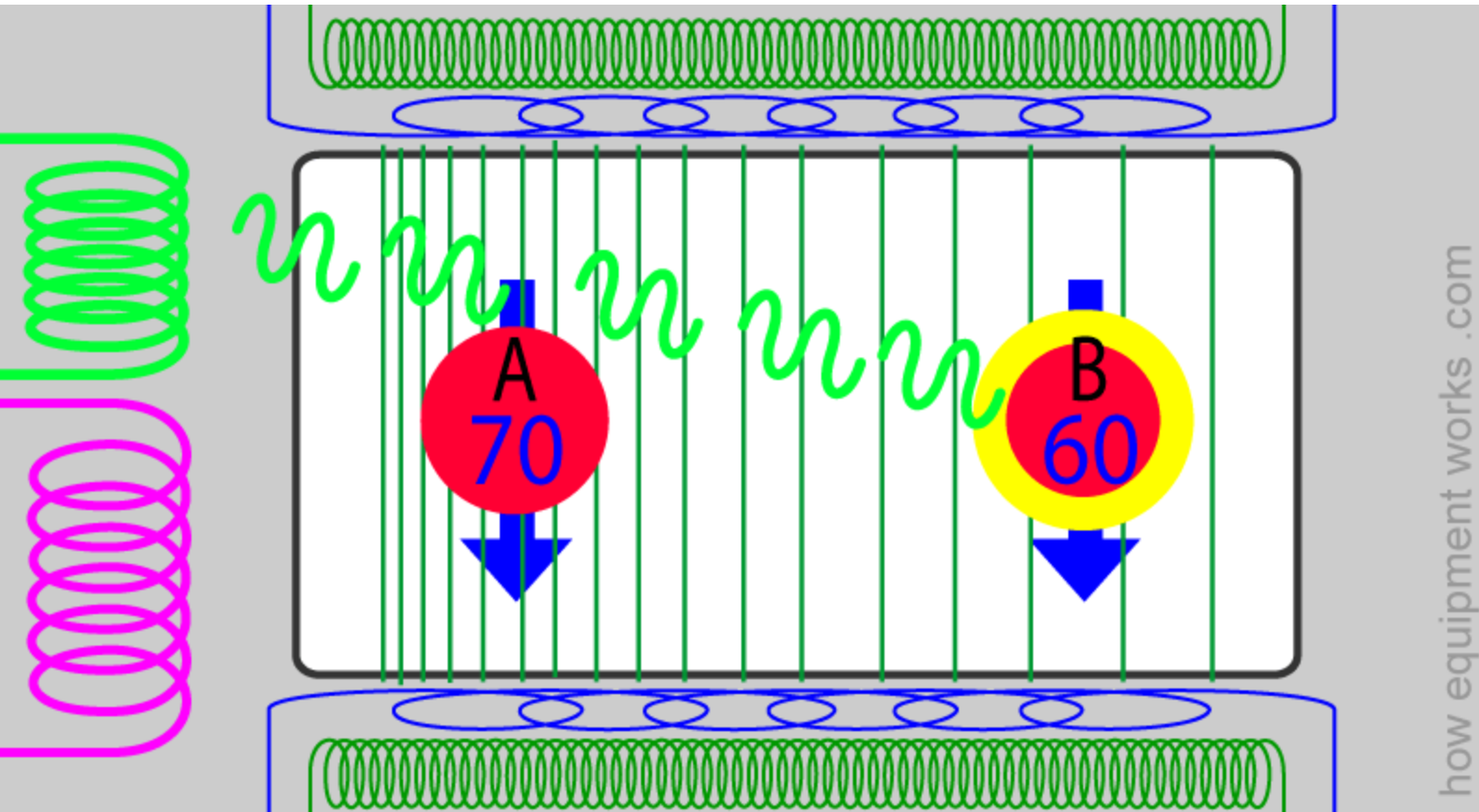
Now you are ready to understand how the MRI machine selects various areas to study. Let us imagine that it wants to image the foot area (i.e. it needs the foot area hydrogen nuclei (B) to respond). It does this by sending RF energy (from the pink RF coil) at the resonant frequency of the nuclei of interest, in this case 60 MHz.



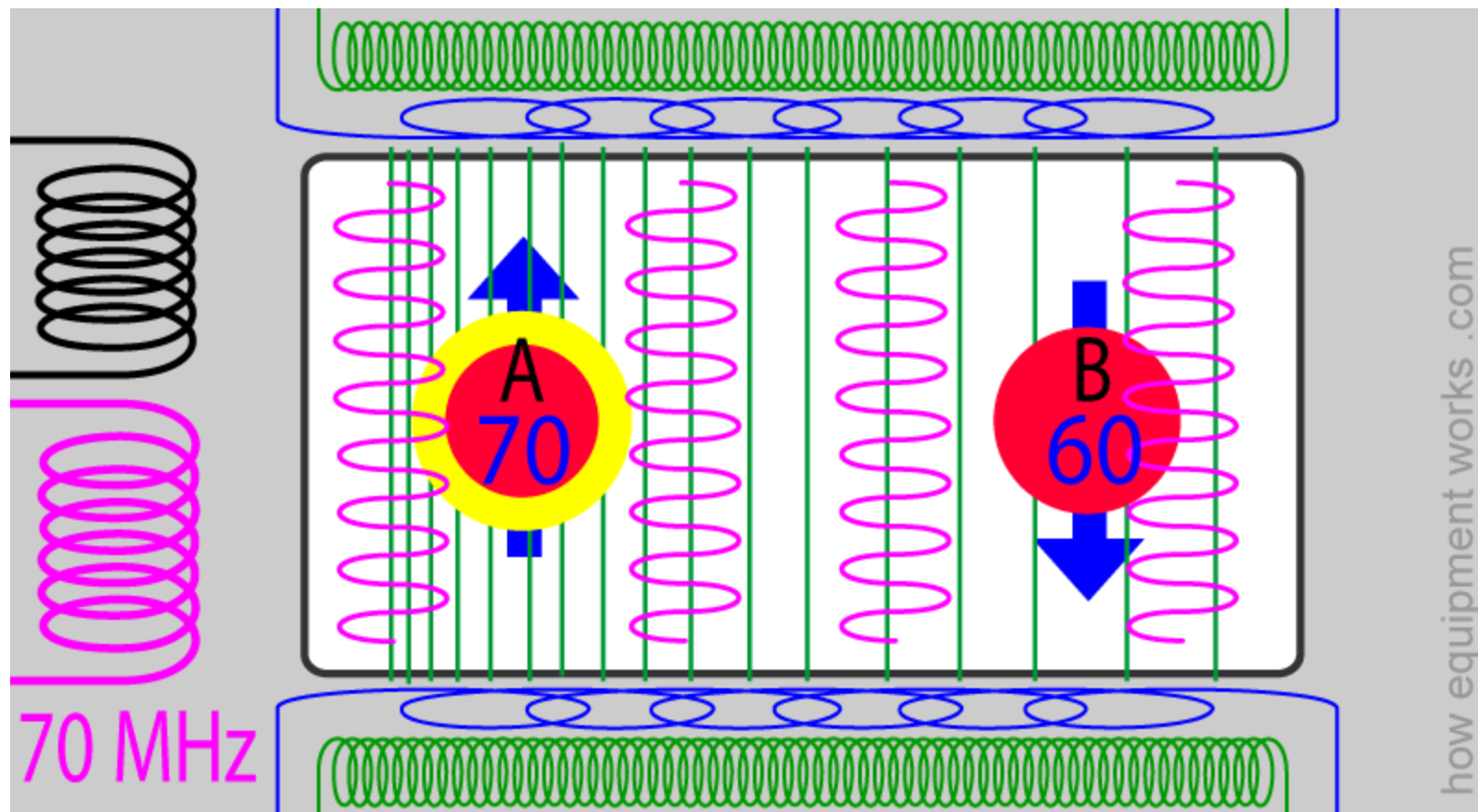
Because the RF energy of frequency 60 MHz is below the resonant frequency of the hydrogen nucleus at the head end of the patient (A), it simply passes this nucleus without getting absorbed. On the other hand, the 60 MHz RF energy exactly matches the resonant frequency of the hydrogen nucleus at the foot of the patient (B). This nucleus therefore absorbs the energy and changes its spin direction to become a high energy nucleus



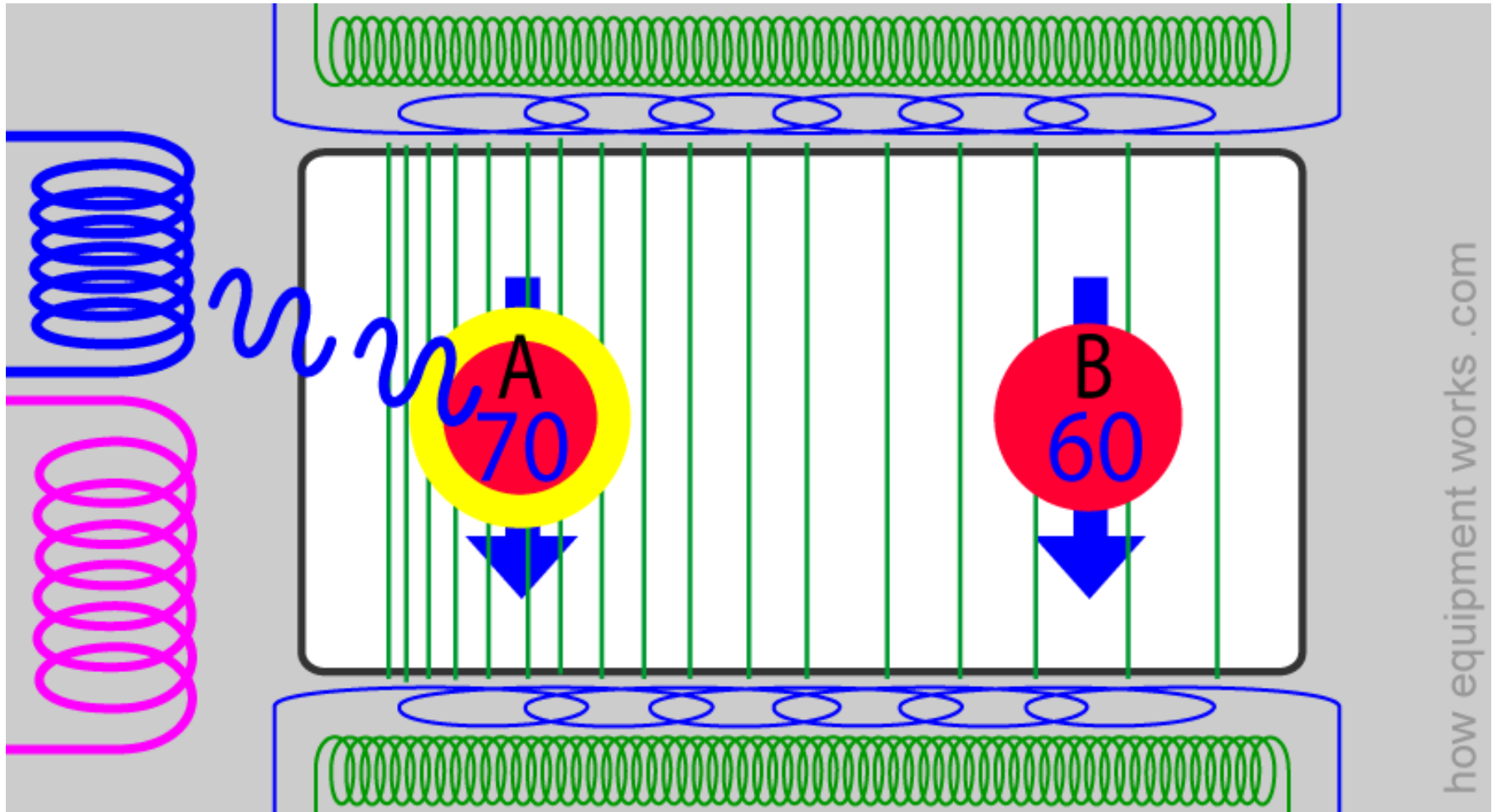
Once the RF coil stops transmitting energy, the listening coil (green) listens for a return signal of energy. Since it was only the hydrogen nuclei at the foot end (B) that absorbed energy, it is only these nuclei that now release energy. The other nuclei, e.g. 'A', do not respond, since they did not absorb energy. In this way, the MRI machine is able to get information specifically from the lower limb area of the patient



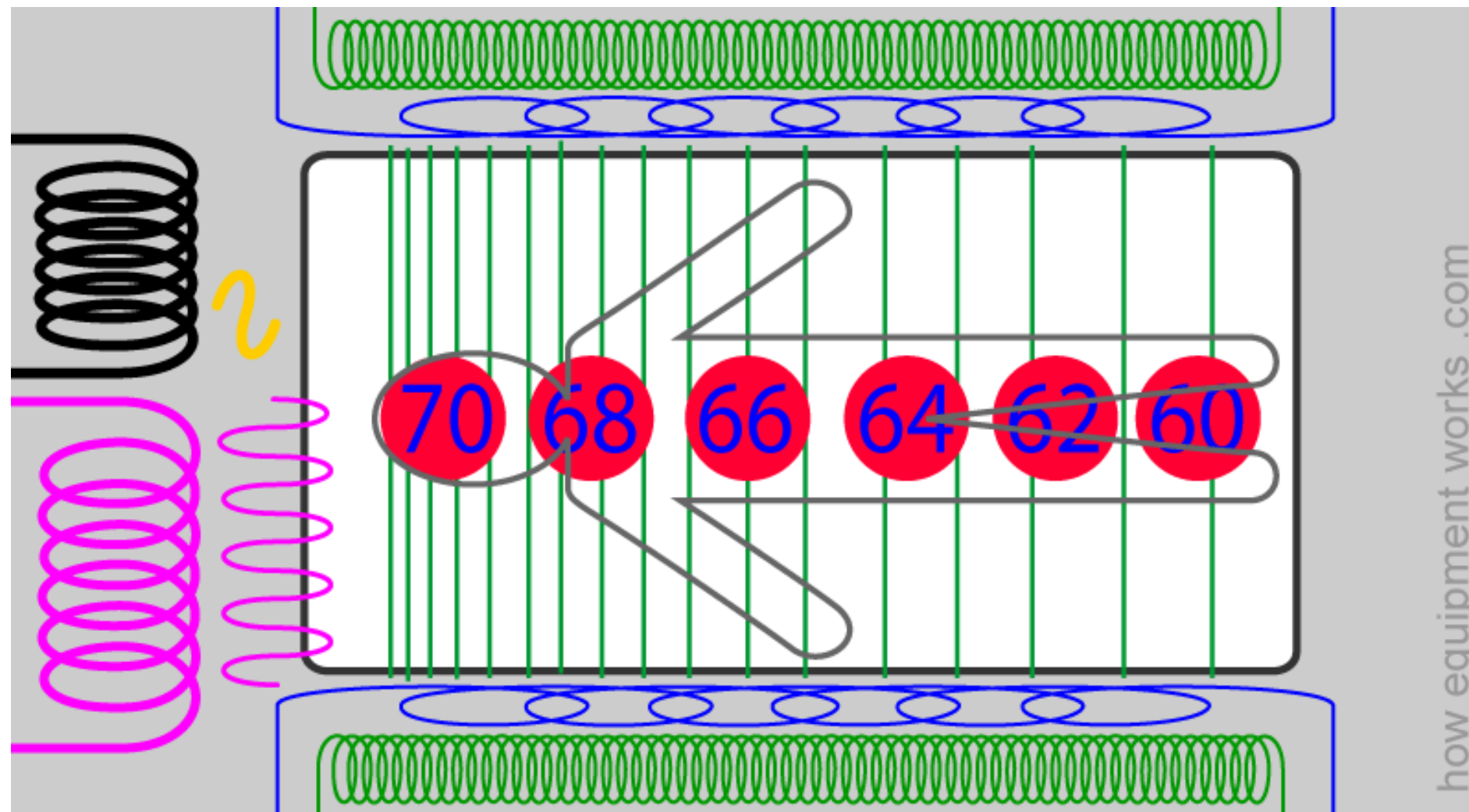
Now let us imagine that the MRI machine wants to image part of the head of the patient i.e. the area where nucleus 'A' resides. To do this, the MRI machine changes the emitted RF energy frequency to now match the resonance frequency of nucleus A. Therefore, this time, hydrogen nucleus A absorbs the energy as it matches its resonance frequency, whereas nucleus B at the foot end ignores this energy as it does not match its resonance frequency.



Once the RF coil stops sending energy, this time only nucleus A sends energy back



So, by changing the frequency emitted by the RF coil (e.g. 70, 68, 66, and so on), the MRI machine can look for hydrogen nuclei section by section in an orderly manner



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GRADIENT COILS

- Allow spatial encoding for MRI images in the x, y and z axis ie. localisation

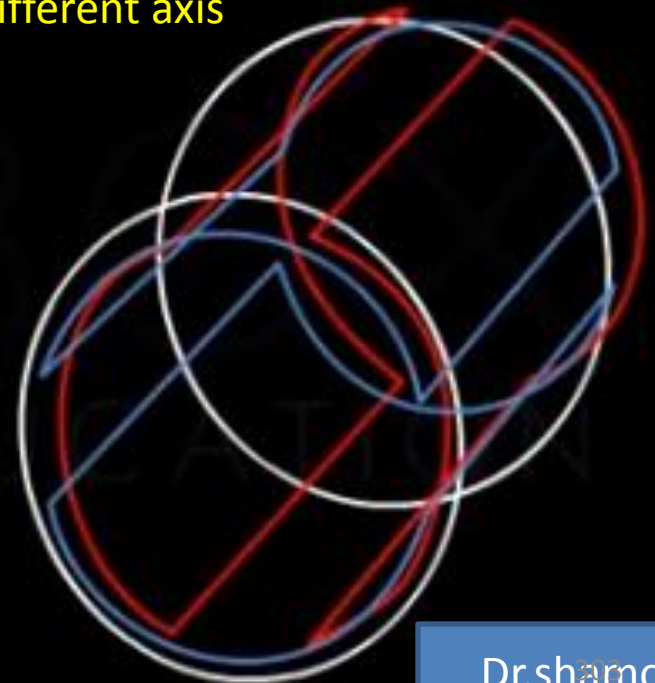


Gradient coil are uses for site selection and selection of different axis

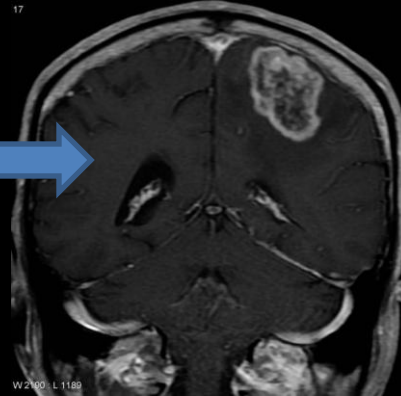
Z- axis are for axial image (along the long axis)

Y –for coronal image (along the vertical axis)

X-for sagital image (along the horizontal axis)



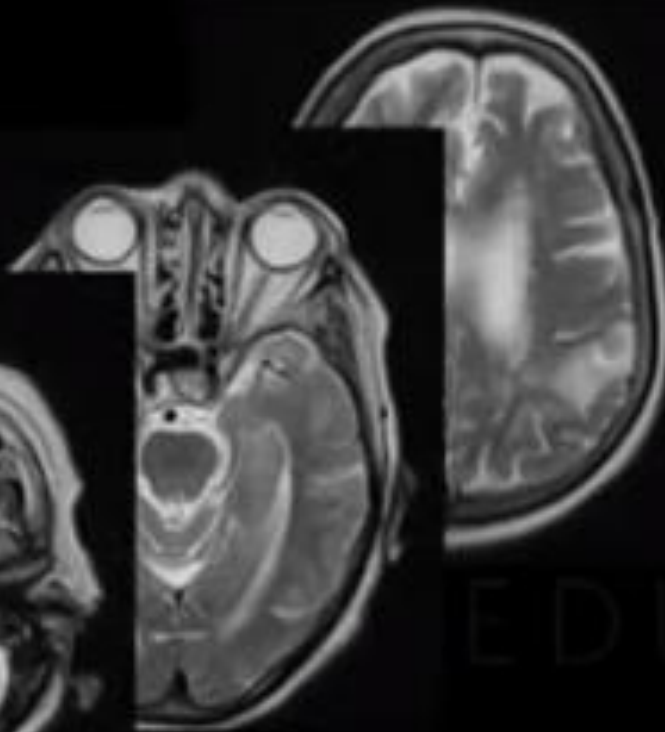
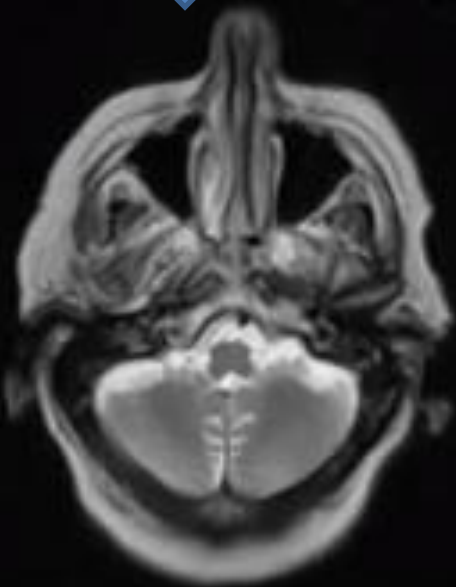
Y-Axis



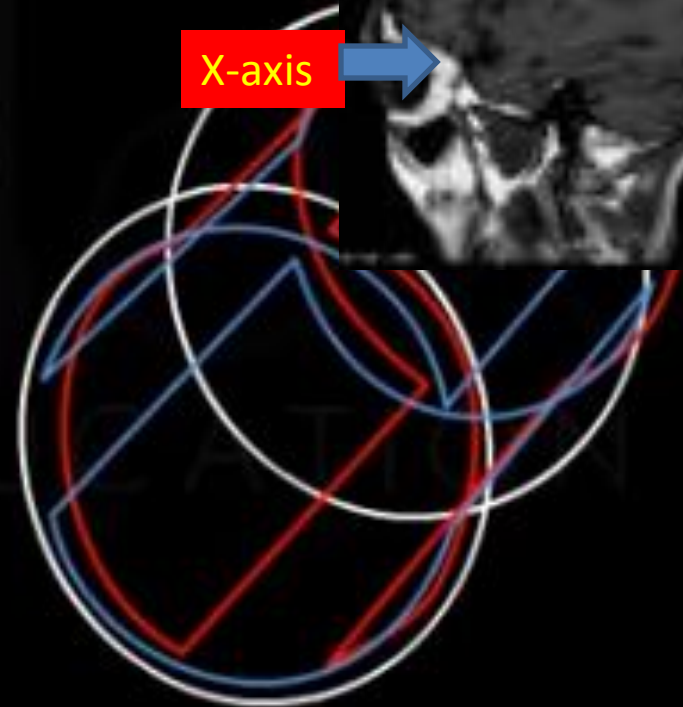
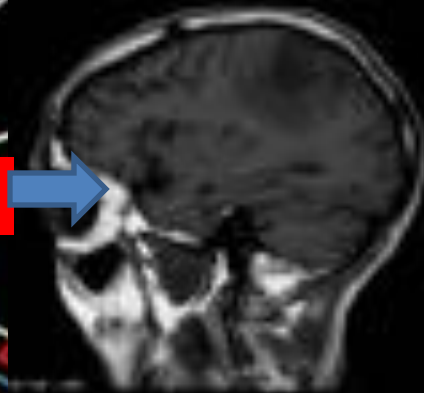
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Z-Axis



X-axis



RF coil is also used to receive signal to produce image

relaxation is the process by which an excited magnetic state returns to its equilibrium distribution. **By this process** spins release the energy received from a radiofrequency pulse.

Relaxation in longitudinal axis is called longitudinal / T1 relaxation

Relaxation in transverse axis is called transverse / T2 relaxation

RELAXATION

- Time to reach equilibrium state
- Measured in 2 directions
 1. Longitudinal (T1) - parallel to B_0 (z axis)
 2. Transverse (T2) - perpendicular to B_0 (x-y axis)

